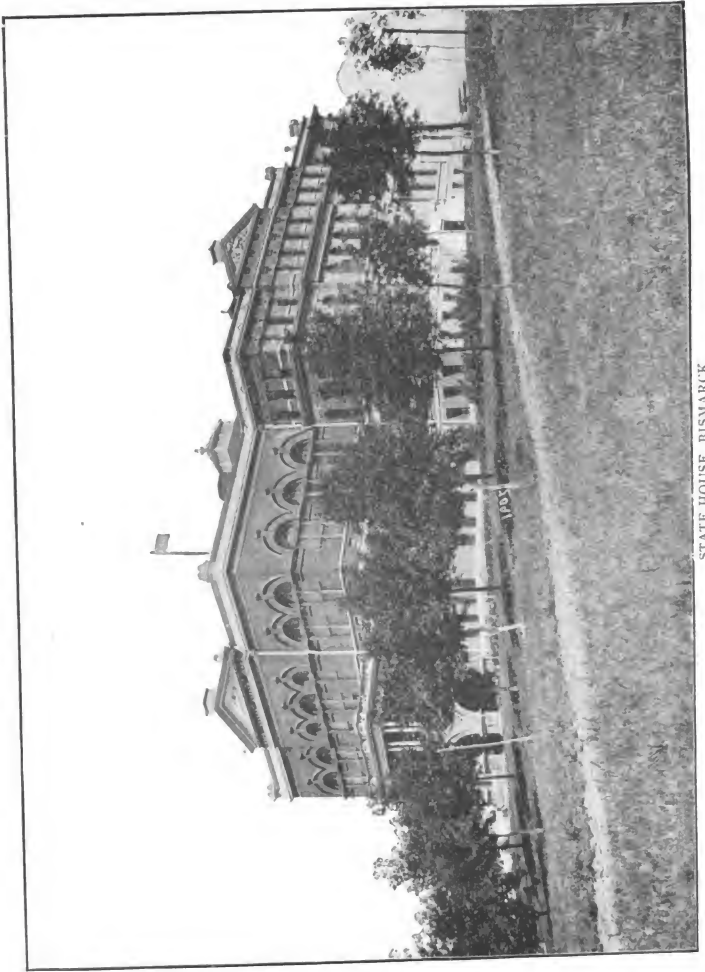


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CHAPTER VI.

CREATION OF DAKOTA TERRITORY—POLITICAL HISTORY—EFFECT OF THE INDIAN OUTBREAK—EFFORTS TO DIVIDE DAKOTA—REMOVAL OF THE CAPITOL TO BISMARCK—PERSONNEL OF THE CAPITAL COMMISSION—GOVERNOR ORDWAY—NAMING THE COUNTIES—FOR WHOM NAMED—ADMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA—CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE, ETC.

THE admission of Minnesota into the Union in 1858 left that portion of the former territory of Minnesota lying west of the Minnesota boundary and east of the Missouri river unattached territory. The county of Pembina, embracing the Red River Valley, had been organized by the Minnesota territorial government, and the county of Big Sioux, embracing the Sioux Falls Region, had been organized by the same authority. Pembina had for some years been represented in the Minnesota legislature. In 1849 the settlements in Pembina county were reported by Major Wood and Captain Pope of the United States army, who established the military post at Pembina at that time, to be 295 males and 342 females. In 1842 Norman W. Kittson established a trading post at Pembina

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and the postoffice was established in connection therewith. The customs office was established in 1851 with Charles Cavileer, collector of customs.

In 1856 Indian title was extinguished to a tract of 25,000 square miles by treaty with the Ponca and Yankton Indian tribes, embracing the Big Sioux country which was thereby opened to settlement, and there was a rush of settlers to that locality in from 1857 on to 1862 from Minnesota and Iowa, principally. In December, 1858, some 600 settlers met at Sioux Falls for the purpose of organizing a provisional government. They provided for the election of territorial officers, a legislature and a delegate to congress. The provisional legislature met at Sioux Falls during the winter of 1859--60 and 1860--1861. Congress gave them no recognition beyond regarding their proceedings, possibly, a petition for the organization of a territory, Jan. 17, 1861, a mass meeting was held at Yankton which adopted resolutions favoring the creation of the new territory.

Dec. 20, 1858, Hon. Graham N. Fitch, of Indiana, introduced Senate Bill No. 475 for the creation of the territory of Dakota. The territory was created by act of congress, approved by President Buchanan, March 2, 1861. Dakota then embraced a region extending from the west line of Minnesota and Iowa to the east line of Washington, north of Nebraska and the 43d parallel, and south of the international boundary, including the present states of North and South Dakota and Montana and most of Idaho and Wyoming. President Lincoln appointed the following officers for Dakota:

William Jayne, of Illinois, governor; John Hutchinson, of Minnesota, secretary; P. Bliss, of Ohio, chief justice; L. P. Williston, of Pennsylvania and J. S. Williams, of Tennessee, associate justices; Wm. Gleason, of Maryland, district attorney; W. F. Shaffer, U. S. Marshal and G. D. Hill, of Michigan, surveyor general. General J. B. S. Todd, a relative of Mrs. Lincoln, was elected delegate to congress at the first election. The act creating the territory also created a United States land office to be located at Yankton.

May 27, 1861, Governor Jayne arrived at Yankton and the organic life of Dakota then commenced. The first legislature met March 17, 1862, and passed 91 general laws, 25 private laws, and 21 memorials to congress. The code of civil procedure had 617 sections; that of criminal procedure 262 sections. Chapter 4 created and incorporated the Old Settlers Historical Society, naming among other incorporators Hugh S. Donaldson, the member of the house

from the Red River Valley, and Enos Stutsman, a member of the council, afterwards closely identified with North Dakota. Among the private bills passed were two granting divorce. The Red River settlements were constituted the 7th council district and the Red River Valley was divided into four counties named Sheyenne, embracing the country about Wahpeton, Stevens that about Fargo, Chippewa, that about Grand Forks and Kittson, that about Pembina. These counties, which extended west to range 62, were superseded by the creation of Pembina county in 1867, organized Aug. 12, 1867.

Pembina county then embraced a tract of country acquired by treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina bands of Indians, April 12, 1864, and extended from the Wild Rice to the international boundary, and west to Stump Lake. Polling places were established at Pembina, St. Jo, Stump Lake, Rock Lake, and at Merchants, on the Sheyenne.

The Indian outbreak of 1862 nearly depopulated the new territory. There was no new development in the northern part until 1867, though there had been a considerable influx to the southern part after the Indian war beginning in 1864 with the New York colony from Syracuse, N. Y., headed by James S. Foster, who in 1871 was placed at the head of the immigration bureau created by act of the legislature of that year, with an annual appropriation of \$300. The same session created a judicial district consisting of Pembina, Brookings and Duel counties, with a term of court at Pembina. George I. Foster, a brother of James S. Foster, was clerk of court.

The legislature of 1873 divided North Dakota into counties, mentioned more particularly in succeeding pages of this chapter.

March 27, 1871, Hon. M. K. Armstrong, democrat, then delegate to congress from Dakota, introduced a bill creating the territory of Pembina from the Northern part of Dakota. This bill was reported adversely and tabled, May 1, 1872. December 3, 1873, at the request of Colonel C. A. Lounsberry, then editor of the Bismarck Tribune, established by him July 6, 1873, being the first newspaper established in what is now North Dakota, Senator Alexander Ramsey reintroduced the bill in the senate for the creation of the territory of Pembina. Mr. Armstrong again introduced the bill in the house, December 15, 1873, also at the request of Mr. Lounsberry. The bill creating the Fargo and Bismarck land districts were also introduced at the same session at his request. Thereafter at each

session of congress the Pembina bill was reintroduced. Sometimes it was reported adversely and sometimes it passed one house or the other. Finally opposition seemed to hinge on the name. Huron was favored by congress at one time and Algonquin at another. There was opposition in the eastern states to laying the foundation for more states in the west, and democratic opposition to laying the foundation for more republican states. Before division finally occurred eighteen legislative sessions were held, three of these at Bismarck.

During twenty-seven years of territorial life it was mainly the policy of the administration to appoint territorial officers from the eastern states. Some of these came with political ambition, caring more for their own advancement than for the interests of the territory. Governor Jayne was a townsman of President Lincoln and resigned on account of his health, serving from 1861 to 1863. He was succeeded by Newton Edmunds, a citizen of the territory when appointed, who devoted nearly forty years of his life to the best interests of Dakota. He served from 1863 to 1866, and was succeeded by Andrew J. Faulk, also a resident of Dakota who served with distinguished ability from 1866 to 1869. John A. Burbank, of Indiana, served from 1869 to 1874, and John L. Pennington, of Alabama, from 1874 to 1878. William A. Howard, of Michigan, served from 1878 to 1880 when he died in office. Governor Howard accepted the appointment at the earnest solicitation of President Hayes in the hope that he might contribute in some manner to the welfare of the prospective state, and to that end he devoted his best energies and his fortune, advancing means from his own purse for the care of the insane, erecting a hospital for such care at Yankton.

Governor N. G. Ordway succeeded Mr. Howard and served from 1880 to 1884. He came with ambition to aid in building up what he believed would become one of the grandest states in the union, which he hoped to represent in the United States senate. Though favoring the admission of Dakota as one state, it was under his advice and through his aid, that the public institutions in South Dakota were duplicated in North Dakota, and when statehood was finally accomplished for the two Dakotas, no man contributed more than he to the general character of the bill. It was his influence that caused North Dakota to be named first in the bill, and his influence that fixed a minimum of \$10 per acre for the lands granted to the state for school and other purposes. He remained identified with North Dakota until failing health caused his return to his old home in New Hampshire, broken hearted because his services to the state had not

secured the reward for which he labored. Most of the counties in North Dakota were organized under his administration and the credit of Dakota was established on a firm basis.

Governor Ordway was succeeded by Gilbert A. Pierce, of Indiana, who in 1887 was succeeded by Louis K. Church, of New York, and he in 1889 by Arthur C. Mellette. Governor Pierce served with credit to himself and with benefit to the territory and was honored by North Dakota by an election to the United States senate. Louis K. Church was the only democrat in the long list of governors. He came to the territory as an associate justice and was promoted to governor by President Cleveland. He left Dakota as soon as his term expired. Arthur C. Mellette was a distinguished citizen of South Dakota who was faithful to his trust, and gave way to statehood after a few months service.

Of the ten delegates to congress none excepting John B. Raymond were particularly identified with North Dakota. He represented large farming interests in Cass county and was succeeded by O. S. Gifford after a bitter controversy. M. L. McCormack, democrat, and L. B. Richardson, both of Grand Forks, were the only ones of the secretaries who were identified with North Dakota. Both were distinguished citizens of North Dakota when appointed, closely identified with its material development.

Of the chief justices none became identified with North Dakota. Of the associate justices A. H. Barnes, S. A. Hudson, W. H. Francis, John E. Carland, W. B. McConnell, Roderick Rose and C. F. Templeton became factors in the affairs of North Dakota. Of the United States attorneys, John E. Carland and W. E. Purcell only were identified with North Dakota. Of the United States marshals only J. B. Raymond, Harrison Allen and D. W. Marratta.

The counties of North Dakota were in the main established by the legislature of 1873, with important changes in 1883, and occasional changes at other times. The several counties were named for various persons or reasons as follows:

Barnes: Created and named Burbank in honor of Governor Burbank by the legislature of 1871. Name changed later to Barnes, growing out of an order of Governor Burbank assigning Judge A. H. Barnes to North Dakota on account of his anticipated political influence in South Dakota, if allowed to remain there.

Benson: Created in 1883 and named in honor of B. W. Benson, a member of that legislature, from Barnes county at that session.



EXECUTIVE MANSION, BISMARCK.

Billings: For Hon. Frederick Billings, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, holding extensive landed interests in Burleigh and other western counties in North Dakota.

Bottineau: For Pierre Bottineau, one of the old-time voyageurs, born in North Dakota where he spent over fifty years of his life.

Bowman: For Hon. E. M. Bowman, a member of the legislature of 1883.

Burleigh: For Water A. Burleigh, Indian trader and agent, delegate to congress and contractor for the construction of 50 miles of the Northern Pacific railroad east from Bismarck.

Cass: For George W. Cass, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, identified with P. B. Cheney in the development of the Dalrymple and other farms in North Dakota.

Cavalier: For Charles Cavileer, the first white settler in North Dakota, who settled at Pembina in 1851, where he died after more than 50 years residence in the Red River Valley. His wife was a granddaughter of Alexander Murray, one of the original Selkirk settlers, and a survivor of the Seven Oaks massacre. He was collector of customs at Pembina and postmaster for many years.

Dickey: For Honorable Alfred Dickey, of Jamestown, identified with the early history of North Dakota and later lieutenant governor.

Dunn: For John P. Dunn, one of the earliest settlers of Bismarck, where he was engaged in the drug business for many years.

Emmons: For James A. Emmons, post trader at Camp Hancock, established at Bismarck in 1872, and for many years identified with the development of Burleigh county.

Eddy: For E. B. Eddy, founder of the First National bank at Fargo and for many years an active factor in the development of the Red River valley, and an active force in the upbuilding of Fargo.

Foster: For James S. Foster, who settled in South Dakota in 1864 in connection with the New York colony from Syracuse, New York. In 1871 he was appointed commissioner of immigration and devoted his life to Dakota interests.

Grand Forks: On account of the confluence of the Red Lake and Red River at Grand Forks.

Griggs: For Captain Alexander Griggs, founder of Grand Forks and identified with the earliest navigation of the Red River.

Hettinger: For a distinguished citizen of Freeport, Ill., father of the wife of Hon. E. A. Williams of Bismarck.

Kidder: For Hon. Jefferson P. Kidder, identified with the interests of Dakota from 1858 until his death. Through the support of the North Dakota delegation he was nominated for congress in 1874, and served four years as delegate to congress. He served as associate justice from 1865 to 1875 and from 1878 to 1883.

LaMoure: For Hon. Judson LaMoure who came to Dakota in 1860. He was elected to the legislature in 1866, but refused to take his seat. He came to what is now North Dakota in 1870 and was elected to the legislature in 1872, and has seen almost continuous service in the legislature since that time. No citizen of North Dakota has left his mark on so many pages of its history as he. He was interested in merchandising and in the agricultural development as well as in its political affairs.

Logan: For General John A. Logan.

McHenry: For Hon. James McHenry of Clay county, South Dakota.

McIntosh: For E. H. McIntosh, a member of the council in 1883.

McKenzie: For Alexander McKenzie of Bismarck, who came to North Dakota in 1872 in charge of track layers on the construction of the Northern Pacific from Fargo to Bismarck. He settled at Bismarck that fall and engaged in business. In 1874 he was appointed sheriff and was elected and reelected for five successive terms. In 1883 he was named by the legislature as one of the the capitol commission and succeeded in locating the capitol at Bismarck. He organized the forces which graded the railway line from Bismarck to Aberdeen, which finally resulted in the construction of the "Soo" R. R. to Bismarck. He has been foremost in all things tending to build up Bismarck and the western portion of the state, and active always in the political affairs of North Dakota, beginning in 1882, when he favored the election of John B. Raymond to congress. He never failed in his loyalty to Bismarck or to do what lay in his power to do for the advancement of its material interests. Whatever may be said of him it must be said that he has never used his political powers for his own advantage either financially or politically. For several years he was the national committeeman of the republican party from North Dakota.

McLean: For Hon. John A. McLean, then mayor of Bismarck. He was a contractor for ties and other material on the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad west from Duluth, and of the firm

of McLean & Macnider, general merchants and contractors at Bismarck. In January, 1876, a committee sent from Bismarck to the Black Hills, headed by H. N. Ross, who had accompanied the Custer expedition to the Black Hills the preceding summer, returned with many specimens of gold taken from the placer mines of the Black Hills. These specimens were regarded so convincing as to the long mooted question as to whether there was gold in paying quantities in the Black Hills; that Mr. McLean and Colonel Lounsbury at once proceeded to Washington, conferring enroute with the Chamber of Commerce at St. Paul, resulting in the organization of the Northwestern Stage & Transportation Company, which established a daily line of stages and means of transportation from Bismarck to the hills, and with the managers of the Northern Pacific, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Northwestern railroads relative to through rates for passengers and freight to the hills. At Washington they were received by President Grant, Secretary of War Belknap, and on the floors of both the senate and house of representatives. As a result President Grant directed that there should be no further interference with miners then in the Black Hills or enroute there, and congress took early action toward opening a large portion of the great Sioux reservation to settlement, including the Black Hills

Mercer: For William H. H. Mercer, who settled at Painted Woods, Burleigh county, on the Missouri river, in 1869, and remained until his death, identified with the farming and stock growing interests of Burleigh county. He was a member of the first board of county commissioners of Burleigh county.

Morton: For Hon. Oliver P. Morton, war governor of Indiana.

Nelson: For Hon. N. E. Nelson, an early settler of Pembina, who entered the first homestead made of record in North Dakota. Collector of customs at Pembina for many years. Member of the legislature.

Oliver: For Hon. Henry S. Oliver, member of the legislature of 1885, and thereafter a leading factor in the politics of the territory and state, and postmaster at Lisbon.

Pembina: From Pemmican, the meat and bread of the early voyageurs, and bona, meaning blessed. Pembina, therefore, means sanctified bread. The celebration of the holy eucharist in the early days was designated as the Pembina, and came to be applied to the place where it was usually celebrated, and finally to that region. The

early attempts to secure the division of Dakota were for the creation of the territory of Pembina. It was held that the word was neither Latin, Indian nor English and it therefore met with such serious objection that it was dropped and the name of North Dakota adopted. It has been held that the name came from a high bush cranberry growing in that vicinity, but that claim is unworthy of acceptance.

Pierce: For Hon. Gilbert A. Pierce, governor of Dakota and United States senator. It was changed from Church to Pierce, having been named Church when he was governor.

Ramsey: For Hon. Alexander Ramsey, governor of Minnesota, United States senator, secretary of war. He introduced the first bill in the senate for the territory of Pembina.

Ransom: On account of Fort Ransom, named for General Ransom, a distinguished soldier.

Richland: For Hon. M. T. Rich, a settler of 1869 at Wahpeton and because it embraced a land that was rich indeed. Mr. Rich visited the Red River valley in 1864, in connection with Sully's expedition, passing on west to the gold regions.

Sargent: For H. E. Sargent, general manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad, interested in the development of the agricultural interests of the Red River valley.

Stark: For George Stark, general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, owner of the Stark farm, near Bismarck, opened to demonstrate the fertility and adaptability of the Missouri river region to general farming.

Steele: For Franklin Steele, an early trader at Fort Snelling, and later a distinguished citizen of Minneapolis, associated with the early promoters of Hope, who made large investments in that vicinity.

Stutsman: For Honorable Enos Stutsman, who was born in Ohio, taught school and studied law at Des Moines, Iowa, settled at Yankton about 1858, a member of the first legislature in 1862; came to North Dakota as a special agent of the treasury department in 1864, when he was elected to the legislature from Pembina county and thereafter until his death identified with North Dakota, rendering distinguished service.

Towner: For Hon. O. M. Towner, founder of the Elk Valley farm in Grand Forks county, and a member of the legislature of 1883.

Trail: For Walter Traill, an employee of the Hudson Bay Company, located in early days at Caledonia and identified with the early development of Traill county.

Walsh: For Hon. George H. Walsh. His father, Thomas Walsh, located at Grand Forks in 1871. George H. was president of the council in the legislature of 1881, and of the council in 1883, 1885 and 1889, and of the North Dakota senate after statehood.

Wells: For Hon. E. P. Wells, a member of the legislature of 1881, identified with the development of Jamestown and the James River valley.

Ward: For Hon. J. P. Ward, a member of the legislature of 1885, an active friend of North Dakota at that session, though from South Dakota.

Williams: Changed entirely from its original position. Named for Hon. E. A. Williams, who came to Yankton about 1869, and to Bismarck in 1872 as an employee of Walter A. Burleigh in connection with his contract for the construction of fifty miles of the Northern Pacific railroad east from Bismarck. He was elected a member of the legislature that fall and from 1873 forward has been identified with North Dakota interests. He has been in the legislature several times, twice speaker, which position he occupied in 1883, the history making session, so far as the interests of North Dakota were connected with the affairs of the whole territory. He was a member of the constitutional convention and surveyor general, and has taken a prominent part in the political conventions of the republican party.

Cavalier, Rolette, Bottineau, McHenry, Ramsey, Foster, Logan, Morton, Mercer, Williams, Grand Forks, Cass, Richland, Burbank, now Barnes, Gingras, now Wells, LaMoure, Stutsman, Ransom, Kidder, and Burleigh were created by the legislature of 1873. Benson, Bowman, McLean, McIntosh, Nelson, Sargent, Steele, and Towner by the legislature of 1883. Walsh was created in 1881. Dickey, Emmons, Hettinger, Billings, Dunn, Stark, Oliver, Ward and McKenzie were creations incident to other legislative sessions.

It has been stated that the name Dakota meant allied tribes. Research by those familiar with Indian lore shows that the meaning of the word is many heads or many people, or possibly many tribes. Sota, whenever it appears, means many. Dakota is distinctively a Sioux word and has the same meaning as Lakota. Minnesota was for many years said to mean muddy water. Its true meaning is many waters. I am aware that it has been claimed that Dakota orig-



*with regards of
Theodore Roosevelt
March 19th 1906*

inated from koda, of the Santees, or kola of the Tetons, meaning friend, and that Dakota therefore means an alliance of friends, but the claim is not well founded.

Dakota was represented in the civil war by two companies of cavalry, one raised by Captain William Tripp, and one by Captain Nelson Miner, both South Dakota organizations. North Dakota was represented in the regular army and in Brackett's battalion and other Minnesota organizations, and many of its citizens were engaged in the defense of Fort Abercrombie during the Indian war.

The construction of the Northern Pacific railroad led to the rapid settlement of North Dakota. A like development was going on in the southeastern portion of South Dakota. The capitol of the territory was located at Yankton. To reach the capital from Bismarck then required three days by rail from Bismarck to St. Paul, one day from St. Paul to Sioux City and another day to Yankton, involving some 600 miles travel each way. These two sections had no common interests and from 1871 forward there was a persistent effort to secure a division of Dakota and the erection of two separate territories. Many laws were framed with that in view.

In 1882 a mass meeting was held at Fargo which elected twenty-two delegates to go to Washington to urge upon congress the importance and necessity for the division of the territory. They chartered a Pullman car and went to Washington armed with statistics bearing upon the development of North Dakota. The delegation was headed by Judge A. H. Barnes. Major A. W. Edwards, Colonel W. H. Brown, Colonel C. A. Lounsberry, Wilbur F. Steele, R. N. Stevens and other active workers for North Dakota were of this delegation. They issued a pamphlet prepared by Colonel Lounsberry, and were getting along satisfactorily in the matter of division. Two bills were pending. One was by J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, being a substitute for a bill introduced by R. F. Pettigrew, for the admission of South Dakota, and one by Mr. Grout, of Vermont, being a substitute for Mr. Pettigrew's bill creating the territory of North Dakota. Enough members of the house had agreed to the creation of the territory of North Dakota to secure the passage of that bill. The democrats consented with the understanding that the statehood bill would be sidetracked for that session. The republicans agreed for the reason that there was no possible show for the statehood bill to pass. About this time a delegation arrived from

South Dakota. They would not consent to this arrangement nor to a division at that time, believing that division would delay statehood unless accomplished by admission which would leave the north with the territorial organization which they hoped to shake off. They were specially anxious to relegate the governor to the northern part of the territory. Their action defeated division at that time, and the North Dakota delegation returned to Dakota vowing that when South Dakota became a state North Dakota would stand by her side as a twin sister.

All energies of North Dakota were from that time on bent in that direction, and the removal of the capital from Yankton to Bismarck in a large measure resulted from the disappointment of that delegation, which had been so confident that they had won their long fight for the division of Dakota. The opposition to Governor Ordway from South Dakota was bitter and intense, and though favoring admission as a whole all of his plans contemplated equal advantages for North Dakota should division finally result, which he did not openly antagonize.

This was the situation when the legislature met in 1883. North Dakota had but three members of the council out of 12. These were: Samuel G. Roberts, of Fargo; George H. Walsh, of Grand Forks, and Johnson Nickcus of Jamestown. Hon. E. A. Williams, of Bismarck, was speaker of the house. He was supported by George P. Harvey, of Minto; John C. Pyatt, of Wahpeton; O. M. Towner, of Larimore; B. W. Benson, of Valley City; L. J. Allred, of Fargo and N. E. Nelson, of Pembina. Beginning with the nomination of J. P. Kidder for congress in 1874, the North Dakota delegation to all representative and legislative bodies had been successful in forming an alliance with one of the factions in South Dakota, and almost without exceptions that alliance led to success.

The North Dakota delegation was not strong enough to secure the removal of the capital to Bismarck by direct legislation, but it was strong enough to prevent its removal to Pierre, which Governor Ordway hoped to do, or to any other point. They were strong enough, through their friends and allies in many a hard fought contest in previous years, to pass a bill removing the capital from Yankton to some point to be named by a commission and to name that commission by legislative enactment. In this they were aided by enemies as well as the friends of Governor Ordway, the one hoping to curtail his

power and the others to land his influence in favor of removal to any point which the commission might select.

The bill was finally passed and was approved by the governor, March 8, 1883. It named Milo Scott, Burleigh F. Spalding, Alexander McKenzie, Charles H. Myers, George A. Mathews, Alexander Hughes, Henry De Long, John P. Belden and M. D. Thompson, a commission to select a site for the capitol, providing that the aspirants for the location must contribute \$100,000, and at least 160 acres of land as a site for the capitol. Each member was placed under a \$40,000 bond and the treasurer was required to give a bond of \$100,000. They were prohibited from purchasing land within ten miles of the location selected, within one year after the location. Scott, Spalding and McKenzie were the North Dakota members. To Alexander McKenzie, who quickly became the dominating force on that commission, the result is due. Bismarck paid into the territorial treasury the sum of \$100,000, gave 160 acres of land where the capitol is situated, and 160 acres near Bismarck, for such location, and from the funds so contributed the main portion of the capitol was erected.

Six years later Dakota was divided and North Dakota led her sister states in the omnibus bill by which they were created. And in development she has at least kept pace with them from that time to this.

The statehood bill was approved February 22, 1889. The constitutional convention was held at Bismarck commencing July 4, 1889.

The following is the list of the members, with their postoffice addresses:

F. B. FANCHER, Jamestown, President.

Roger Allin, Grafton.	E. H. Lohnes, Devils Lake.
J. M. Almen, Grafton.	M. K. Marrinan, Grafton.
A. F. Appleton, Crystal.	T. H. Mathews, Larimore.
T. W. Bean, Michigan City.	O. G. Meacham, Carrington.
James Bell, Minto.	John McBride, Alma.
Richard Bennett, Grand Forks.	H. F. Miller, Fargo.
L. D. Bartlett, Ellendale.	S. H. Moer, LaMoure.
W. D. Best, Bay Centre.	J. D. McKenzie, Minnor.
Chas. V. Brown, Sykeston.	P. McHugh, Langdon.
David Bartlett, Cooperstown.	V. B. Noble, Bottineau.
Andrew Blewett, Jamestown.	Knud J. Nomland, Caledonia.
William Budge, Grand Forks.	Jas. F. O'Brien, Devils Lake.
E. W. Camp, Jamestown.	C. P. Parsons, Rolla.
E. W. Chaffee, Amenia.	A. S. Parsons, Mandan.
John E. Carland, Bismarck.	E. M. Paulson, Mayville.
Charles Carothers, Emerado.	M. M. Peterson, Horace.
Horace M. Clark, New Rockford.	R. M. Pollock, Casselton.
W. J. Clapp, Tower City.	John Powers, Havana.

J. L. Colton, Burlington.
 James A. Douglass, Park River.
 Elmer E. Elliott, Sanborn.
 George H. Fay, Ashley.
 A. D. Flemmington, Ellendale.
 J. B. Gayton, Hampton.
 B. R. Glick, Langdon.
 Enos Gray, Embden.
 Alexander Griggs, Grand Forks.
 A. P. Haugen, Reynolds.
 M. F. Hegge, Hatton.
 H. L. Holmes, Neche.
 M. N. Johnson, Lakota.
 Harvey Harris, Bismarck.
 A. W. Hoyt, Mandan.
 W. S. Lauder, Wahpeton.
 Addison Leech, Davenport.
 Jacob Lowell, Fargo.
 Martin V. Linwell, Northwood.

Joseph Powles, Milton.
 W. E. Purcell, Wahpeton.
 William Ray, Dickinson.
 R. B. Richardson, Drayton.
 A. D. Robertson, Minto.
 E. S. Rolfe, Minnewaukan.
 Wm. H. Rowe, Monango.
 Andrew Sandager, Lisbon.
 John Shuman, Rutland.
 J. W. Scott, Valley City.
 J. F. Selby, Hillsboro.
 Andrew Slotten, Wahpeton.
 B. F. Spalding, Fargo.
 R. N. Stevens, Lisbon.
 Ezra Turner, Bottineau.
 E. D. Wallace, Hope.
 A. O. Whipple, Devils Lake.
 J. Wellwood, Minnie Lake.
 E. A. Williams, Bismarck.

The state officers of North Dakota elected October 1st were:

Governor—John Miller.

Lieutenant Governor—Alfred Dickey.

Secretary of State—John Flittie.

State Treasurer—L. E. Booker.

State Auditor—John P. Bray.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—William Mitchell.

Attorney General—Geo. F. Goodwin.

Commissioner of Insurance—A. L. Carey.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor—H. F. Helgesen.

Commissioner of Railroads—Geo. S. Montgomery, D. Bartlett, F. S. Underhill.

Judges of the Supreme Court—Guy C. H. Corliss, Joseph M. Bartholomew, Alfred Wallin.

Representative in Congress—H. C. Hansbrough of Devils Lake.

President Harrison proclaimed the admission of the state, Nov. 2, 1889.

The first legislature convened at Bismarck Dec. 20, 1889. On the 21st ballot Gilbert A. Pierce was elected United States senator. M. L. McCormack received the democratic vote. On the 10th ballot for the second senator Lyman R. Casey was elected. Among those who were voted for in opposition to those elected were: M. N. Johnson, N. G. Ordway, Daniel W. Marratta, Harrison Allen, George H. Walsh, Porter J. McCumber and Judson LaMoure.

Governor Pierce drew the short term for United States senator, and when his term expired he was succeeded by Hon. H. C. Hansbrough who was re-elected when his term expired and at this date, January, 1907, is still serving the state in that capacity with distinguished ability.

Porter J. McCumber is now serving his second term, having succeeded W. A. Roach, democrat, who was elected in place of Lyman R. Casey when his term expired.

Martin N. Johnson succeeded Mr. Hansbrough in congress when his first term expired. He served three terms and voluntarily retired and was succeeded by Burleigh F. Spalding, who was defeated by Thomas F. Marshall in 1900. The state having gained a second member, Marshall and Spalding were elected in 1902, and Marshall and Asel J. Gronna in 1904 and 1906.

North Dakota has been singularly fortunate in its delegation in congress. None have been more successful in shaping legislation, especially that concerning the coast.

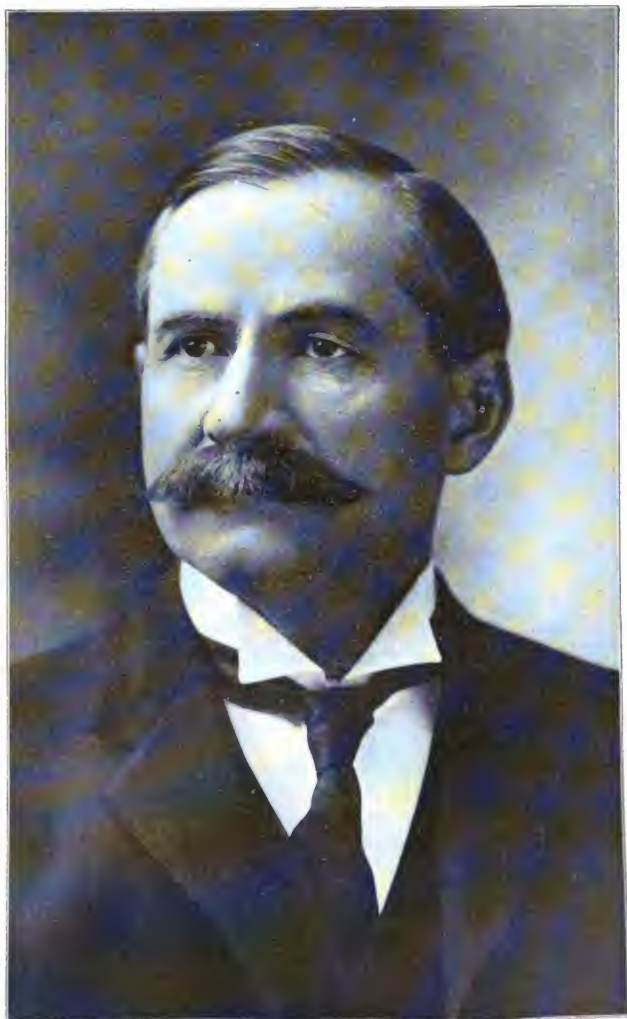
That distinguished statesman and lawyer, Cushman K. Davis, once remarking: "I would to God the state of Minnesota had been as fortunate as the Dakotas in the beginning of her organic life. In the Dakotas the foundation was laid wisely and well, and the constitution and laws of North Dakota were framed by master hands."

BIOGRAPHIES OF NATIONAL, STATE AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS OF NORTH DAKOTA

U. S. SENATOR HANSBROUGH

Senator H. C. Hansbrough was born fifty-nine years ago in Illinois of Kentucky parents. Adopting the calling of a printer when still in his minority, he found his way into active journalism in 1869 in San Francisco, and for ten years served on the Chronicle of that city, being the night managing editor during 1878--79. He came to North Dakota in December, 1882, settling at Grand Forks and publishing there a daily paper. In 1883 he established the Inter-Ocean at Devils Lake and owned and controlled that paper until a few months ago when he disposed of it to Mr. Small.

He was twice mayor of the city of Devils Lake, and received the nomination for congress in the first state convention held at Fargo in 1889, being elected that fall by a majority of nearly 15,000 votes. Being defeated for renomination to the house, he became a candidate for the senate and was elected to that body in January, 1891, and is now serving his third term. In point of service there are but seven or eight members of the senate who have been in that body longer than he, and, owing to his long service, he has been enabled to secure a place on the leading committee of the senate, the committee on finance. He also stands second on the committee on agriculture, a most important committee to the northwestern states, and is chairman of the committee on public lands. He is the only member of either branch of congress from any of the new states, so-called, including North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah, who has been in constant service since the admission of the new states. He long since passed through his junior years in the senate and has taken a standing among the oldest senators which furnishes a valuable asset to the young state of North Dakota.



HON. H. C. HANSBROUGH.

Senator Hansbrough is not a rich man; in fact, he does not appear to have given much of his time to the acquirement of wealth, but devotes himself arduously to his duties in the senate. As a legislator, he has placed some very important measures upon the statute books, notably the bill excluding lottery literature from the mails, passed by him in the house and engineered through the senate through friends of his. He is the author of the national irrigation law, of the anti-canteen law, excluding liquor from military posts, and of the bills excluding liquor from the capitol at Washington. His efforts in behalf of the state have resulted in securing three fine public buildings, a military post, and an Indian school.

Senator Hansbrough is a great believer in the future of this state and he never loses an opportunity to tell of the wonderful progress that has been made in North Dakota and of the magnificent possibilities of the future. Besides accomplishing even more than his share in the way of legislation, he has proven himself to be a persistent advertiser of the state's possibilities.

Since he has been a member of the United States senate he has been an indefatigable worker for the interests of North Dakota and no member of that body has given so much time and attention to the individual wants of his constituents. No matter how many great tasks he has had to attend to, he always found the time to look after the individual affairs of the people of North Dakota.

U. S. SENATOR PORTER J. McCUMBER

Hon. Porter J. McCumber is one of the most distinguished and honored citizens of Wahpeton, and is now serving as United States senator from North Dakota. He is a prominent lawyer, and belongs to that class whose ability and character are making a deep impression upon the public life of this rapidly developing community in which he resides. In this broad state, with its abundant room for individual enterprise, with its hearty appreciation of personal worth and its splendid opportunities for individual achievement, the man of ability finds the very largest sphere for usefulness and gratification for personal ambition. His abilities will be discovered; his integrity will find appreciation; his public spirit will meet with recognition, and he will be forced into prominence. Senator McCumber is an illustration of this fact.

He was born in Crete, Will county, Illinois, February 3, 1856, and spent his boyhood upon a farm near Rochester, Minnesota. After



HON. P. J. M' CUMBER.

attending district school for some time, he entered the high school of that city, where he completed his literary education. He then taught school for a few years, and while thus employed took up the study of law. He graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1880, and the following year opened an office at Wahpeton, North Dakota, where for many years he successfully engaged in practice.

On the 29th of May, 1889, at Wahpeton, Mr. McCumber was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Schorning, a native of Minnesota, and to them have been born two children, Helen and Donald.

While in the line of his profession he won distinction and success; he has always been ready to respond to any call for public duty, for years working on political lines for the advancement of the interests of the city and state and country. In 1884 he was elected to the lower house of the territorial legislature, and after serving in that body for one term, was elected to the upper house in 1886 for the same length of time. He also filled the office of state's attorney for Richland county for one term, and in the winter of 1899 was chosen United States senator for a term of six years, and was re-elected for another term in 1905. Upon entering the United States senate his ability was recognized, and in a few years he took rank with the foremost senators of that body. He is chairman of the senate committee on pensions, one of the most important committees of that body, besides being on many other leading committees.

With the broad spirit of Americanism shaping his views and prompting his actions, he has won the respect of all classes and the confidence of the great public. Men with minds that are as alert and broad as his, are never narrow; and men who, like him, view public questions, the social organization, politics and all the relations of life comprehensively and philosophically are magnificent supporters of the best interests of humanity.

CONGRESSMAN MARSHALL

Hon. T. F. Marshall, member of congress, was born at Hannibal, Missouri, March 7, 1854; was educated at State Normal school, Platteville, Grant county, Wisconsin; learned the profession of surveyor, which he has followed more or less for twenty-five years; became a resident of Dakota in 1873; is engaged in banking; was elected mayor of Oakes two terms; was state senator from the twenty-fifth district one term; was delegate to the republican national



HON. T. F. MARSHALL.

convention, held at Washington in 1892; was one of the leading candidates for United States senator in 1899; was elected to the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth congress, and re-elected to the fifty-ninth congress in 1906. Congressman Marshall is one of the most popular officials elected by the people of North Dakota, and merits all the honors which this state can bestow upon him.

CONGRESSMAN GRONNA

Hon. Asle J. Gronna, representative at large from the state of North Dakota, is a resident of Lakota, the county seat of Nelson county. Mr. Gronna was born at Elkader, Clayton county, Iowa, Dec. 10, 1858. At the age of two years his parents moved to Houston county, Minn., where he was brought up on a farm and educated at the public schools, finishing at the Caledonia Academy. He taught school for two years at Wilmington, Minn., and in 1879 moved to South Dakota where he was engaged in farming and teaching. In 1880 he moved to Buxton, in Traill county, Dakota Territory where he engaged in the mercantile business for several years. During the winter of 1887 he took up his residence at Lakota which has been his home since that time. Mr. Gronna is engaged in the mercantile and banking business and is also extensively interested in farming.

In 1889 he became a member of the Territorial legislature, and he has served several terms as president of the village board of trustees and president of the board of education. In 1902 he became chairman of the Nelson county republican central committee and was un-animously elected to the same position in 1904.

Mr. Gronna was appointed a member of the board of regents of the University of North Dakota by Governor Frank White.

August 31, 1884, Mr. Gronna was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Ostby, of Spring Grove, Minn. Two sons and three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gronna.

In 1904 Mr. Gronna was elected to the fifty-ninth congress, receiving 47,648 votes, to 15,398 for A. G. Burr, democrat, 1,697 for E. D. Herring, socialist, and 971 for B. H. Tibbits, prohibitionist.

In 1906 Mr. Gronna was re-elected to congress receiving 36,772 votes as against 21,050 for J. D. Benton and 21,350 for A. G. Burr, his democratic opponents.



HON. A. J. GRONNA.

GOVERNOR BURKE

Hon. John Burke of North Dakota, was born February 25, 1859, in Keokuk county, Iowa, near where the town of Harper was subsequently located. He was educated in the common schools and grew to manhood on the farm. He entered the law department of the Iowa State University as a student in September, 1884, and graduated therefrom in June, 1886. He commenced the practice of law in Des Moines, Iowa, in the fall of 1886, entering into partnership with his brother, Judge Thomas C. Burke, now of Baker City, Oregon. Two years later, feeling that the northwest offered greater inducements to a young lawyer, he left his native state and located in Rolette county, North Dakota. Close application to business, coupled with upright and reputable methods, soon brought its reward in a lucrative and increasing practice, which in the course of a few years necessitated his moving to Devils Lake, where he formed a partnership with Henry Middaugh, under the firm name of Burke & Middaugh.

Governor Burke's parents were natives of the county of Tipperary, Ireland. They came to this country in 1849; were married in New York in 1853; came west immediately and settled in Iowa in the spring of 1854. His mother, Mary (Ryan) Burke, died when he was but five years of age; his father, John Burke, senior, is living at Sigourney, Iowa, in his eighty-third year.

On August 22, 1891, he was married to Miss Mary Kane, of Waukesha, Wisconsin. They have three children, Elizabeth, aged twelve, Thomas, aged ten and Martin, aged five. Mrs. Burke is a bright and accomplished lady and her wifely counsel and companionship has contributed a great deal to her husband's advancement and success.

Governor Burke served two years as county judge of Rolette county; he was elected to the state legislature, a member of the lower house, in 1891, and to the senate in 1892, serving in the latter body in 1893 and 1895. He was honored by the democratic party with the nomination for attorney general in 1894, for congress in 1896, for district judge in 1900 and for governor in 1906. In the latter contest he was honored by the voters of both parties with an election, defeating Governor Sarles, who two years before was elected by a plurality of 31,282. He made a vigorous campaign, the issues of which are still fresh in the public mind.



GOVERNOR JOHN BURKE

Governor Burke is one of the leading and potent factors of the democratic party of North Dakota and has an excellent private, business and political record. He is a man possessed of so many sterling qualities that he has made a host of friends throughout the state, regardless of political affiliations. These facts made him, not only the most available man in the democratic party, for the nomination of governor, but demonstrated that by virtue of them he was able to rally thousands of republican voters to his standard.

It is an innovation in the political history of North Dakota to have a democratic governor, but from all indications Governor's Burke's administration promises to meet with favor, as he has, during the brief time he has held the gubernatorial chair inspired the confidence and respect of those with whom he has differed politically.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LEWIS

Hon. Robert S. Lewis, lieutenant governor of the state of North Dakota, has risen to prominence by attending to his own affairs and practicing strictest honesty of word and deed.

He was born in Tennessee August 15, 1856. His parents were Josiah and Mary (Steele) Lewis, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Louisiana. His father was a college professor and was connected with the state female seminary. He, with his parents, removed to Minnesota in 1868, where his father was county superintendent of schools of Wright county for many years. Both parents died in Minnesota.

Robert S. Lewis was reared and educated in Minnesota and began his career as a clerk in Minneapolis, which occupation he followed one year, and in 1882 went to Fargo where he entered the employ of the Red River National bank as clerk. He held this position a year and a half and was then made teller, which position he held two years, after which he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier and in 1891 was made cashier. He held this position until 1897 and was then elected vice president and held that office until 1902, when he was chosen president of that institution. He was director of this bank when it liquidated and its assets merged with those of the First National bank, in which latter institution he is now a director.

Lieutenant Governor Lewis was married in Minnesota in 1879 to Miss Alice Carpenter, a native of that state. Three children have been born to Governor and Mrs. Lewis as follows: Roy C., who graduated from the academic department of Columbia University in 1905 and will complete a law course in June, 1906; Olive M. and Alice.

He has been active in educational matters and served as president of the board of education and on the board of directors of the Agricultural College. He is a member of various fraternal orders, among them being the Knights of Pythias, and has passed the 32d and Scottish-rite degrees of the Masonic order. Politically he is a republican and takes an active interest in all public matters. Was a member of the state convention several times. He was elected a member of the state senate in 1900 and was an efficient and active member of that body for four years. He proved himself to be a most valuable member and was the author of a number of important measures, which afterward became laws of the state.

He is one of those men who is interested in the advancement of everything that will be beneficial to his city and the state in which he resides. That he is one of the prominent financial business men of the city is evidenced by the fact that he is president of the Fargo Commercial Club and is now serving his second term. He is the owner and operator of over 7,000 acres of land, being one of the leading farmers of the northwest territory. In 1906 he was nominated and elected lieutenant governor, a position which he is eminently qualified to fill, and since his inauguration has merited the confidence in which he is held by his associates, and has won the esteem of all members of the senate, the body over which he presides.



SECRETARY OF STATE BLAISDELL

Minot and Ward county has the distinction of furnishing one of the youngest state officials in the history of North Dakota. Alfred Blaisdell, secretary of

state, is only thirty-one years old, having been born at Fairmont, Minn., in 1875.

Mr. Blaisdell graduated from the Fairmont high school in the class of 1894 and the University of Minnesota in 1898, receiving the degree of bachelor of science. He was also a member of the class of 1901 at the college of law, University of Minnesota.

He comes from a family of lawyers for several generations on both sides of the house. His father, the late Hon. H. M. Blaisdell of Fairmont, Minn., one of the oldest practitioners in southern Minnesota, resided formerly in the state of Maine, where he studied law with Hon. Eugene Hale of Ellsworth, and at one time was a member of the state legislature. Henrietta Crosby Blaisdell, the mother of our sketch, was a daughter of the late Hon. Josiah Crosby of Dexter, Me., an active legal practitioner for half a century and who served his state as state senator and lieutenant governor.

After leaving the University of Minnesota, Mr. Blaisdell pursued the further study of the law with Messrs. Newman, Spalding & Stambaugh of Fargo. He later formed a partnership with ex-State's Attorney Hanchett of Harvey and Fessenden, under the firm name of Hanchett & Blaisdell, and removed to Minot the beginning of 1900. He is senior member of the law firm of Blaisdell, Bird & Blaisdell, and vice president of the Blaisdell-Bird Co. (Inc.), of which his law partner, John A. Bird, is president. Two years ago Mr. Blaisdell retired from business on account of poor health but has since re-entered business and politics with renewed energy.

In a political way Mr. Blaisdell has been very fortunate. He made good as secretary of the Old Reorganizers of Ward county and as secretary of the republican county central committee of the last three successful campaigns in Ward county. Mr. Blaisdell has entered politi-

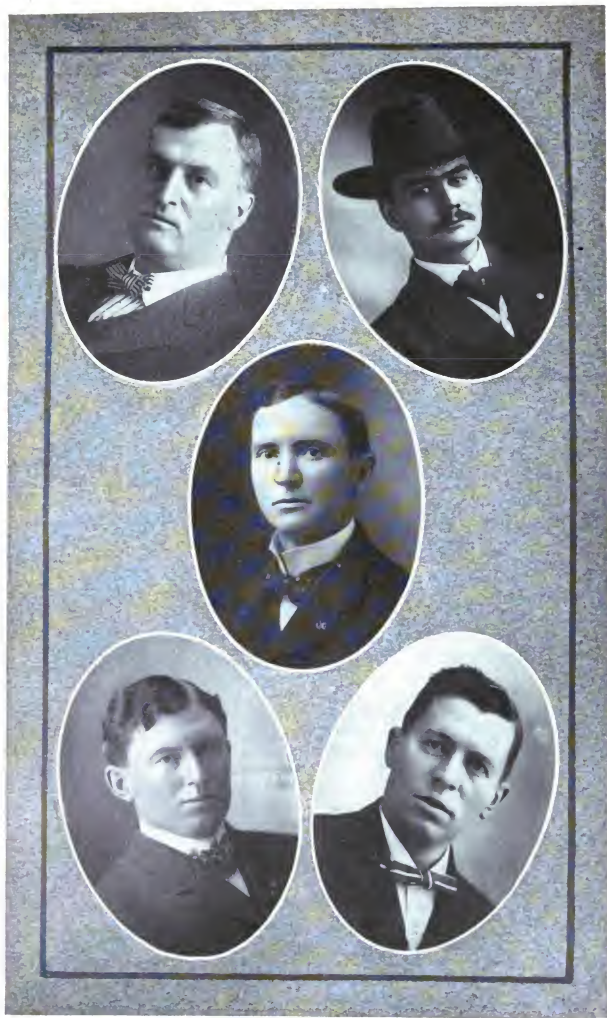
cal contests with vigor, but on account of his disposition at all times to be fair he has escaped much of the ill feeling which falls to the lot of the average citizen who takes active sides in politics. He has been United States commissioner ever since his residence in Minot and was formerly a member of the state normal board and a director of the State Historical society, in which he takes an active and personal interest. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the Minnesota Commandery.

At the republican state convention at Jamestown Mr. Blaisdell was unanimously and enthusiastically indorsed for secretary of state by the delegation of Ward county and was nominated and elected scarcely without opposition. It was the opinion of all that Ward county should be represented by an important office on the state ticket and that Mr. Blaisdell was the most available man from northwestern North Dakota. Although a young man in politics, probably the youngest man ever nominated for such an important position, he has a wide acquaintance throughout the state.



STATE AUDITOR HOLMES

The subject of this biography, Hon. H. L. Holmes, was born in Dalton, Wis., May 29, 1853, where he remained until about fourteen years of age when he went to Rushford, Minn., and held a clerical position. In 1870 or 1880 he moved to Pembina, N. D., and went into the farm machinery business, and in 1883 to Neche, where he engaged in the same line of commercial pursuit. He afterwards opened a bank at that point, which he conducted until 1898, when he removed to Bathgate to engage in the



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STATE TREASURER PETERSON

banking business, being president of both the Bathgate and Neche banks.

Mr. Holmes was married in December, 1879, to Miss Anna E. West. They have one child.

Auditor Holmes is a staunch republican, and has, since reaching his majority, taken a deep interest in political affairs, both state and national. He has been a delegate to the republican national convention, and has represented his county a number of times in state conventions. He was nominated at the republican state conventions held in 1902 and 1904 without opposition, and elected by an overwhelming majority. He was renominated in 1906 for the third term, and was one of the leading candidates on the republican state ticket, securing a large vote.

Auditor Holmes was a member of the constitutional convention from Pembina county. He is a clear-headed, careful business man, possessing excellent judgment, and is a wise adviser. His administration of the affairs of the state auditor's department has raised its standard and broadened the scope of its efficiency. As a member of the various state boards, to which by virtue of his office he is attached, he has proven himself to be a valuable member, bringing to them a mind widened by business methods, and broadened by a thorough knowledge of affairs of state.



STATE TREASURER PETERSON

The name Peterson is somewhat closely associated with the Scandinavian people; and the parents of the present state treasurer came from Norway and located at Rockdale, Wis., and there, in the year 1862, Albert Peterson was born. When he was two years of age his family moved to Boscobel, Wis., in the

schools of which place he received his education.

In the year 1883, hearing of the wonderful promise of this western land, Mr. Peterson joined the eager crowd of homeseekers and came to North Dakota. He went to Ellendale, and there engaged in the mercantile business. The year following he was married to Jennie Johnson. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Cogswell and there they still live, conducting one of the best stores in the state. His business has withstood the vicissitudes of fortune, and the present finds him prosperous notwithstanding the damaging fire that destroyed his home and store two years ago.

Aside from his mercantile business Mr. Peterson has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his town, county and state. He has always been one of the leaders in any movement that would benefit his community. To all the small boys and girls in his town he is "Uncle Pete," and his store is one of their favorite gathering places.

In affairs political Mr. Peterson has ever been active. Sargent county, at one time one of the strongest populist counties in the state, now gives a very handsome republican majority, and this is largely due to Mr. Peterson's zealous work for his party.

He has held various offices of trust and responsibility, ranging in importance from school treasurer of his district to treasurer of his state. He was representative of his county in the legislative session of 1899.

Mr. Peterson is now entering upon his second term as state treasurer and gives promise that his department will be as well conducted in the two years to come as in the two years of his previous term of office.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION STOCKWELL

Hon. Walter L. Stockwell has just entered upon his third term as superintendent of public instruction, to which office he was elected without opposition after receiving the unanimous nomination at the hands of the republican party. It is the first time in the history of the state that a state officer has been chosen for a third term without opposition and it may be considered as a testimonial of the efficiency with which this important office has been conducted during the past four years.

Mr. Stockwell has spent eighteen years in educational work in North Dakota, coming to the state fresh from the University of Minnesota, where he graduated in 1889 with the degree of B. S. He threw himself into the educational work in this state with zeal and youthful vigor and in less than two years from the time he came to North Dakota was occupying one of the important educational positions in the state, namely, superintendent of schools for the city of Grafton, which position he held for nearly twelve years, only resigning the same to become state superintendent of public instruction.

The same energy and enthusiasm which characterized his work as a city superintendent has been carried into his work as superintendent of public instruction, and it is a generally admitted fact that the educational progress made in the state during the past four years has been greater than that of any similar period in its history.

Mr. Stockwell has been honored with the following educational offices: President of North Dakota High School Council, president of North Dakota Educational Association and director of National Educational Association.

Mr. Stockwell is a native of Minnesota, where his parents settled as early as 1856, having come from Massachu-

setts. The blood of the old Puritans flows in his veins and to this has been added an infusion of western energy. Prior to his entrance to the University of Minnesota he completed a common and high school course in the public schools of his native city, Anoka, and until his entrance to the University of Minnesota spent his life on the farm.

During all the time that Mr. Stockwell has been a resident of North Dakota he has been interested in the development of the state and the community in which he has lived. He has been essentially a public-spirited citizen, giving freely of his time, energy and money for the upbuilding of the communities in which he has lived. During the time which he was superintendent at Grafton he was interested in the establishment of the first public library in the state, and largely through his efforts a gift of \$10,000 was received from Mr. Carnegie to erect a building for the public library in the city of Grafton in 1903. For many years he has been identified with the Monday Night club at Grafton, an organization of ladies and gentlemen of that city for the purpose of studying literature, history and social and economic problems.

Contrary to the general run of school men, he has identified himself with public affairs and has been deeply interested in the political life of the state. While he has always been a republican, he has been, and is at the present time, a believer in the best things for government regardless of party names. For the past ten or fifteen years he has been identified with the Masonic order of the state, occupying the principal places in the local bodies at Grafton, and in 1902-3 was grand master of the grand lodge of the state of North Dakota.

In 1894 Mr. Stockwell married Miss Helen Tombs of Grafton. They have one child living, a boy, Walter L. jr., now ten years of age. They have a comfortable home in Grafton.

Mr. Stockwell enters upon his third term enjoying the confidence of the educators of the state and of the people at large to a much greater extent than any other superintendent of public instruction of the state has ever had, and it may be assumed that the work of this term will be more efficient and, if possible, more acceptable than the other two.



COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE COOPER

In writing of those prominent in official circles we believe that the above named gentleman is deserving of more than passing mention.

Hon. E. C. Cooper was born at Antioch, Ill., April 11, 1856. He moved to Iowa with his parents when six years of age, where he lived until his removal to Grand Forks, N. D., in 1883, where he went to take a position with a large lumbering concern and where he has made his home since that time. He remained with this firm for a number of years until he embarked in the insurance business, which line he has followed ever since. Mr. Cooper has only been identified with the oldest and most conservative of insurance companies and the character of his work has especially fitted him for the position he now holds under the state administration.

Personal contact and acquaintance with men high in the ranks of the insurance world has given him qualifications enjoyed by but few men and has enabled him during his term of office to render invaluable aid to the state in particular and the policyholders in general.

Being a man active and energetic, Mr. Cooper has taken a lively interest in state and municipal affairs and has always held the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He has been honored by the people of Grand Forks from time to time and for six years was a member

of the council of that city, one term of which was as president of the council.

In 1896-7 he was chairman of the republican state central committee, and at the legislative session of 1896-7 was voted for as United States senator.

At the election of 1904 Mr. Cooper was chosen by the republican voters for commissioner of insurance and again elected to that position on the republican ticket of 1906.

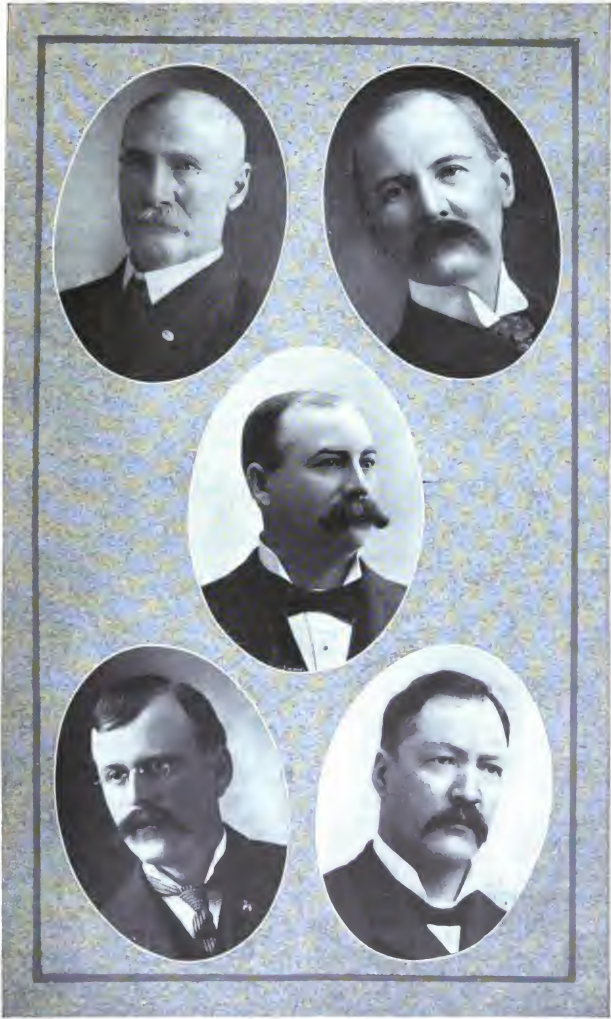


COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE GILBREATH

Hon. W. C. Gilbreath was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, September 9, 1851. In 1863 he went overland with his parents to Oregon and in 1864 with them removed to Sangamon county, Illinois. He attended public school and in the fall of 1869 entered the Illinois Wesleyan University, from which institution he was graduated in 1874. He then engaged in the mercantile and banking business in Illinois for about five years. During this time he was a member of the Illinois National Guards and served as captain and subsequently as major in the Fifth regiment. In the fall of 1878 he moved to Iowa and was interested in mercantile pursuits, also engaged in the grain and stock business and subsequently purchased a newspaper and has followed that vocation the greater part of the past twenty-five years. He returned to Illinois in 1893 and conducted a newspaper for a short time.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Lillie D. Lyon of Pontiac, Illinois. They have three children.

On coming to North Dakota Mr. Gilbreath located at Mandan and became a part owner and joint editor of the Mandan Pioneer. He was a member of the republican state central committee for four years, serving two of them as a member of the executive committee. In January, 1901, he was appointed deputy commissioner of insurance and held that



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position for four years. In 1904 he was nominated and elected commissioner of agriculture and labor and re-elected to the same position in 1906.

Mr. Gilbreath from the day he landed in North Dakota had confidence in the future development of the Missouri Slope country and invested quite extensively in real estate. Subsequent events have proven the wisdom of his conclusion.



RAILROAD COMMISSIONER DEISEM

Hon. C. S. Deisem was born in the fertile valley of the Schuylkill, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, immigrated with his parents to Ohio in the early fifties, where he received his education in the common schools of that day. In 1864, when but 16 years of age, he enlisted in the army and served one year in the quartermaster's department in the army of the Cumberland. With the spirit of progressiveness in 1868 he wandered westward and after spending one year in Iowa and two in Chicago, drifted into Dakota Territory in 1871, being employed with the construction department of the Northern Pacific Railway company for nearly two years. He engaged in the hotel business in the then border town of Bismarck in 1873 until the failure of Jay Cook & Co. He located in LaMoure county in 1880 and formed a partnership with Mr. A. E. Franks, who were the first settlers to settle in this part of the territory and is today the oldest mercantile concern in North Dakota. Mr. Deisem helped to organize La Moure county in 1881, was active in the organization of the republican party and was chairman of the county central committee for six years, also a member of the state central committee for six years was elected to the sixth legislative assembly in 1898. He was nominated and elected to the office of railroad commis-

sioner in 1904 and was elected president of the board, serving his full term in that position. He was again nominated and re-elected to the same office in 1906. Many reforms have been entered into and carried out by the board while he has served as president. The present board is now located on the ground floor in the new wing of the capitol building, where the board is now in a better position to take care of the increased business than ever before. The duties of this department are growing so rapidly that it is only a matter of a few years when it will become one of the most important departments in the state in the interests of the people in securing for them their rights against the overgrowing corporations.



RAILROAD COMMISSIONER STAFNE

Hon. Erik A. Stafne was born in Renneboe, Norway, in 1848, and came to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1871, where he remained until the fall of 1875, when he moved to Richland county and bought some of the land he now occupies. The succeeding winter he returned to Eau Claire, where he engaged in the hotel business. In 1878 he came back to his farm and has since that time been engaged in farming. He is now the owner of 1,200 acres of the best valley land in Richland county. He has one of the most beautiful farms on the Wild Rice river near Fort Abercrombie, where he has resided since 1878. He also has been engaged in the mercantile business at Galchutt for many years.

Mr. Stafne has always been one of the staunch and reliable republicans of his county and his judgment has been relied upon to a great extent by many. He is a man of considerable business experience and has always taken an active part in the affairs of the county as well as in the state.

After the organization of the townships in Richland county he was elected town supervisor, an office which he held for a number of years. In the fall of 1890 he was elected county commissioner of Richland county, which position he filled so well that in 1892 he was re-elected without opposition.

In the fall of 1894 he was elected to the office of representative of the house in the Twelfth district, and also in the fall of 1900 he was elected to the same office. He knew the import of all the business in course of transaction and was on the inside of all legislative work, and his counsel in committee work was considered reliable.

Mr. Stafne was elected commissioner of railroads in 1904 and re-elected to the same office in 1906, a position which he has satisfactorily filled.



LAND COMMISSIONER HEGGE

Hon. O. I. Hegge was born near Hundorp, in Gundbrandsdalen, in Hamar Swift, Norway, December 12, 1869, and was the oldest of seven children born to Iver O. and Anne (Scielstad) Hegge, both residents of Norway. Mr. Hegge was reared and educated in his native land, and at the age of seventeen years came to America, and located at Crookston, Minnesota, and during the same summer went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and worked on the Northern Pacific railroad. In the fall of 1887 he obtained a position as clerk in a bank at Pelican Rapids, and remained in that position until 1890. He then went to Wahpeton as assistant cashier in the Citizens' Bank of that city. He resigned in 1894, to accept a position in a bank at Jamestown, and in October of the same year, came to Minnewaukon and organized the Benson County State bank. This bank had recently been re-organized, and is now the First Nation-

al Bank of Minnewaukon, of which our subject is cashier. Early in his career in this country, Mr. Hegge identified himself with the republican party and its principles, and took an active interest in its success. He attended all county and state conventions of his party, and in 1898 was elected state senator from his district, this was the first public position of a political nature he held. In the senate he served as a member of the committee on insurance, the committee on education, the committee on state affairs, etc., and has always wielded an influence in the interest of better government.

Mr. Hegge was married in 1891 to Miss Ragnild Svare. In a social way, Mr. Hegge is popular in his community. He is a Scottish-rite Mason and a Shriner, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him, regardless of party fealty.



SENATOR LaMOURE

Hon. Judson LaMoure was born in the village of Frelighsburgh, county of Missisquoi, province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, March 27, 1839. His education was acquired in the common schools, with two terms in the Frelighsburgh academy. He left home at the age of twenty, March 2, 1859, going to Davenport, Iowa, where he remained for four months. In the spring of 1860 he went to Pike's Peak, during the gold excitement and, remaining until the fall of the same year, started for South Dakota and settled in Union county. South Dakota was his home for ten years, during which period he was engaged in farming and in the employment of H. D. Booge & Co., in the transportation business, which company had its headquarters at Sioux City, Iowa.

He remained with the above company until 1865, at which time he was appointed sub-agent of the Lower Brule Indians, located at the mouth of White Earth river.

In 1870 he moved to Pembina, and engaged in farming, and in 1872 was elected to the territorial legislature.

On December 3, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Nelson, to which union six children were born but only three are now living. In 1873 he was elected to the territorial council. In 1878 Mr. LaMoure engaged in the mercantile business at Pembina, which business was later transferred to Neche, N. D., and is still being conducted under the firm name of J. LaMoure & Co. In 1880 he was re-elected to the legislative assembly, and re-elected to the territorial council in 1884. In 1889 he was elected to the first state legislature as senator from the first district, to which office he has been re-elected at each succeeding election to the present time.

Although of late years Senator La Moure has suffered from frequent attacks of asthma, he is at the present time enjoying exceedingly good health, and is hale and hearty for a man of his years.

No man in North Dakota has had more to do with shaping the affairs of the state than the man whose name heads this article, and no man more thoroughly understands and comprehends its financial condition than Senator La Moure. He has been so long at the head of the senate's appropriation committee, and has given the finances of the state so much study that his is the master mind when it comes to this important department of state. He is a broad gauged man, alert to the best interests of North Dakota, viewing public questions, politics and all the relations of life, comprehensively and philosophically. He is a man who is a staunch friend. His good deeds and charitable acts are multitudinous. He is a keen observer of leg-

islative proceedings, a guardian of the state's finances, and one of the very best parliamentarians in the senate. He is not a public speaker, but what he has to say on the floor of the senate is terse and readily comprehended.

Senator La Moure could have had any office in the gift of the state at different times in his political career, but he has been content with representing the first district of Pembina in the state senate. He has been chairman of republican state conventions, has for years occupied a prominent seat in the councils of his party, and has been one of the greatest and most potent factors in the state in shaping the policy of his party since statehood.



SENATOR LITTLE

Prominent among the business men in the state of North Dakota is Colonel C. B. Little of Bismarck, who for nearly twenty-five years has been prominently identified with the financial history of that city. For many years he has been at the head of one of the strongest financial institutions of the western part of the state. He is a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and excellent executive ability. Possessing all of these qualities it is not remarkable that he has carried the bank of which he is the head to a high degree of success.

Colonel Little was born in Merrimack county, New Hampshire, November 18, 1857, a son of George P. and Elizabeth A. (Knox) Little, who have been lifelong residents of that state. Reared in his native state on a farm, he attended public school and afterward entered Dartmouth college, from which institution he graduated and then pursued a course in the law department of Harvard University. In 1882 he came to Bismarck and entered upon the practice of law. In 1884 he was elected



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judge of probate and held that office for four years. He was appointed inspector general, with the rank of colonel, of the territorial troops, and held that position for three years. He was chairman of the republican state convention in 1898 and was a member of the state central committee for many years. As an evidence of his personal popularity, qualification and general satisfaction which he has given the voters of his district it may be stated with credit to the colonel that he was elected to the state senate in 1889 and has continuously held that position to the present time, holding the chairmanship of the judiciary committee and serving on other important committees. There has not been a more tireless worker or keener observer of legislative proceedings than the senator from the Bismarck district. He served as president of the Bismarck school board and has generally been identified with every good work and enterprise connected with the capital city.

In 1885 Col. Little was elected a director of the Capital National bank, and two years later was elected president, which position he held until the bank was consolidated with the First National bank, in February, 1896. He has been connected with other business enterprises in the town and county, and is president of a state bank at Braddock and another at Wilton, North Dakota. The First National bank at Bismarck, of which he is now president, was organized in August, 1879, with Walter Mann, of St. Paul, Minnesota, as president, and George H. Fairchild as cashier. The capital stock at that time was fifty thousand dollars, but was afterward increased to one hundred thousand dollars. A year after its organization, Mr. Mann retired and Mr. Fairchild was made president, and W. A. Dillon cashier. In 1888 Asa Fisher was elected president and Mr. Dillon re-

tained as cashier. On the 6th day of May, 1895, C. B. Little was elected president. Under his excellent management the bank has steadily prospered. It is one of the solid financial institutions of the state, and does a general banking business and also issues foreign exchange.

In 1885 Col. Little was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Little of Boston, Massachusetts, and to them have been born two children, Viroque M. and George P. Socially our subject is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and is past commander and was also deputy grand commander in territorial times.

Colonel Little is an affable, genial and polished gentleman and popular with the public and especially so with his senatorial associates. The Colonel has a strong following and is prominently mentioned for United States senator.



SENATOR HANNA.

Hon. L. B. Hanna was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and was the son of Jason R. and Margaret A. (Lewis) Hanna, natives of Ohio and Massachusetts, respectively, and a cousin of the late Hon. Marcus A. Hanna of political renown. His father was interested in the iron trade in Pennsylvania, and was a soldier in the civil war. He served in the Sixty-third volunteer infantry, as Captain of Company C, and later as Lieutenant Colonel of the One Hundred and Forty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served with the army of the Potomac, and saw service in Virginia, and at the close of the war died from the effects of his long and brave service.

Senator Hanna was reared and educated in Massachusetts and New York, and in 1881 came to Hope, North Dakota, and engaged in farming for about

a year, and then went to Page, Cass county, and opened a lumber yard, which he conducted until 1886, when he began his banking career. He was also, during this time, interested in general merchandising and grain buying.

In June, 1886, he founded a private bank at Page, which he conducted until September 1, 1891, when it was incorporated as a state bank. He was chosen its cashier, and acted in that capacity until January 1, 1900, when the bank became the First National bank, when he succeeded to the presidency. He became largely interested in the First National bank of Fargo in May, 1899, and was elected vice president of that institution, and for a number of years was the active manager of the affairs of that bank. He was at about that time elected president of the First National bank of Coopers-town. On January 1, 1906, after successfully and satisfactorily directing the destinies of one of the largest and strongest banking institutions in the state, he disposed of his banking interests, and sought other fields of financial activity. He was one of the incorporators, and is president of the Fargo Street Railway Company, and one of its heaviest stockholders.

Senator Hanna was vice president of the Fargo Commercial Club, is a trustee and treasurer of the Fargo Masonic Temple, trustee and treasurer of the Fargo college, and identified with many other public organizations.

He was married in 1885 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Miss Lottie L. Thatcher. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have three children.

Senator Hanna is a republican of the stalwart type, and has been prominently connected with that political organization for many years. In 1894 he was elected as representative from the eleventh district, and in 1896 was chosen state senator from the same district. In 1904 he was chosen senator from the

ninth district. He is the only senator who enjoys the distinction of having represented two different districts in the state senate.

Senator Hanna has occupied the post of chairman of the Cass county republican central committee, and was selected by the state republican convention three times, or for six years, chairman of the republican state central committee, an honor and trust which has not been bestowed upon any other man in the state.

Senator Hanna is a man who commands the respect and confidence of his fellow men. He has a pleasant and winning personality which draws men to him. His gracious manner, cordial treatment, straightforward methods, and honesty of purpose, make a deep impression upon those he comes in contact with, and, for this reason, every man is his friend. No man in the state enjoys a wider or more intimate circle of friends, and those friends and associates would be delighted to see him ascend higher on the ladder of political preferment. He occupies an enviable position in the senate, and is a member of many leading committees of that branch of the legislative body.



SENATOR SHARPE

Hon. J. B. Sharpe was born in Wad-dington, New York, September 8, 1857. After receiving his education he came to the northwest and located in Sibley county, Minnesota, where he taught school for eight years. The last three years of his school work was at Gay-lord, Minnesota.

He took up the study of law and was admitted to practice in that state in 1887. He located in the city of Henderson and purchased the Sibley County Independent and held down the editorial chair until 1889, after which time

he gave his attention exclusively to the practice of his profession until he came to LaMoure county in the fall of 1892, locating at the then new town of Kulm. He is president of the First State bank of Kulm, besides being interested with his partner, Mr. Chas. Pruetz, in the grain business, and together they are owners of several thousand acres of land in LaMoure and adjoining counties. He is president of the Kulm board of education, and has served the people of that county two terms as representative and is now serving his third term as state senator. Senator Sharpe's education and practical business experience has fitted him to fill the office of state senator satisfactorily to his constituents and with honor to himself.

No man has greater interest in seeing his community prosper and advance than Senator Sharpe and few enjoy a larger circle of friends, who admire the urbane and affable senator for his many manly and sterling qualities. His is recognized as one of the leaders of the senate, who by long experience and fair methods has gained the confidence and admiration of his colleagues.



SENATOR TAYLOR

Dr. J. D. Taylor, one of the leading physicians and surgeons in the state of North Dakota, was born in Ontario, Canada, May 16, 1859. His parents, Charles B. and Mary (Lockhart) Taylor were natives of Scotland, and went to Canada in 1850. The father was a merchant and remained in Canada until about 1866, when he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he remained until his death.

Doctor Taylor was the only son, and attended the public schools of Detroit, and engaged in the drug trade in that city for four years. He came to Grandin, North Dakota, in 1879, and estab-

lished a drug store which he conducted until 1889. In the meantime he studied medicine, and in 1886 moved to Church's Ferry and operated a drug store at that point. In 1889 he attended the Detroit Medical College, and graduated from that institution in 1891. He then began the practice of medicine. In 1892 and 1893 he attended the Rush Medical College of Chicago, and graduated from that college. In 1899 he pursued a post-graduate course in the New York Medical school and hospital. He went to Grand Forks in 1893, and has devoted his time to the practice of his profession, following a general line of practice, and has a liberal and increasing patronage. He is a member of the North Dakota Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and was at one time a member of the United States pension board, and city health officer.

In politics Dr. Taylor adheres to the republican party, and was elected to the state senate twice without opposition. He is interested in the welfare of his adopted city, and is an enthusiastic worker for the advancement of the state and nation. He is a liberal minded, a conscientious lawmaker, and fearless in his espousal of the cause of justice and equality. He is a man of strong convictions, of a philosophical turn of mind, yet possessing that happy equipoise which has made him a host of friends, and a legion of admirers. He has, and is serving on many leading committees of the senate, and some of the most important laws on our statute books bear his imprint.



SENATOR PIERCE

The senator whose name heads this article was born forty-three years ago and spent his boyhood days in the state of Michigan. He was educated in the



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common schools of that state. Senator Pierce's parents were Irish and doubtless he receives much of his business and political push and enterprise from this fact.

At an early age he commenced active life by working on a railroad and can thus appreciate the efforts of those who have made a success by beginning at the lowest scale of the ladder. In 1878 he came to Dakota and located at Sheldon, Ransom county in 1880. Possessing a studious mind and indomitable energy, he applied himself to reading law and in 1888 had so far mastered the intricacies of that profession that he was admitted to practice. Since that date he has given more or less attention to this one branch of his many occupations. At present he is a member of the law firm of Pierce & Tenneson, of Fargo. In 1887 he became interested in banking and was one of the organizers of the Citizens' bank of Sheldon, which afterwards became a state bank when the state banking law went into effect and reorganized as the First National bank of Sheldon in 1904. Senator Pierce is president of this institution. He, also, is at the head of the Enderlin State bank and the Northern Trust Company of Fargo, one of the leading financial institutions of the state.

In the early nineties he organized the Ransom County Immigration Association of Sheldon and was one of the first men in this state to make a systematic and organized effort to induce immigration to North Dakota. That his methods and efforts were successful is attested by the hundreds of settlers in the southern part of the state who came by reason of his personal efforts and representations.

Senator Pierce has been actively identified with republican organization since statehood and was never a candi-

date for public office until 1902, when he was elected to the senate and again elected in 1906.

He was married in 1903 to Miss Margaret C. Doran of Sheldon, where they reside.

Senator Pierce is one of the most active and aggressive men in the state. Although a man who has suffered from ill health, yet he finds time to carry on a most extensive business which is varied, requiring great executive ability. He is one of the state's keen and shrewd business men, and on account of this has accumulated a fortune. As a legislator he is alert and interested and few men in the body of which he is a member more carefully watches the deliberations that the senator from the Fourteenth district.



SENATOR McLEAN

Hon. Henry McLean was born in Perthshire, Scotland, December 5, 1847, moved with his parents to Huron county, Ontario, in 1850, then a howling wilderness. Was brought up on a farm and received an education in the common schools of that province. At the age of twenty-one he learned the trade of a carpenter and following that vocation until 1882, then moved to the territory of Dakota, to that part now known as Cavalier county. He was among the first settlers of the county and was the first township clerk of Harvey township. He was county commissioner for two terms. He served two sessions in the legislature and one term in the state senate, and was re-elected for a second term over Joseph Leary of Langdon by a majority of 135 votes. He owns a beautiful farm of 720 acres of land four miles west of Hannah. He received a silver medal at the Buffalo exposition for Lincoln oats. He has

an interest in the Farmers' Implement & Supply Company of Hannah and Wales, supplying hardware, harness, furniture and machinery. In politics he is a staunch republican and one of its leaders. He was married to Margaret Work in Ontario, and has ten children: Elizabeth, Annie, a graduate of the State University, now teaching school in Hannah, Agnes E., attending State University for five years, Sarah, Henry, Norman, attending high school at Hannah, and Alexander, Margaret, Robert and Dougall. He is a most capable man for the position he occupies and enjoys the confidence, respect and esteem of his associates and has been a prominent factor in passing some of the best laws that are on our statute books.



SENATOR KRAABEL

Hon. Anton T. Kraabel, senator from the thirty-ninth district, is a man who has enjoyed political preferment at the hands of his constituents. He was a member of the house in the eighth assembly and then was promoted to the senate in the ninth assembly and in the tenth is sitting as a holdover. Since his advent into the state he has been active in local politics and has held various positions on the township boards. Always keen and alert for the interests of those whom he represented, and in everything he applied the same methods which have won for him success as a business man.

Senator Kraabel was born in Guldbrandsdalen, Norway, October 16, 1862. With his parents he emigrated to the United States in 1867 and for some time his home was at Coon Valley, Wis. He attended the common schools and after passing the eighth grade he was sent to the high school at Viroqua, Wis., but his period of study there was only brief. In the spring of 1882

he left Wisconsin and moved to Mayville, Traill county. In 1885 he launched into the mercantile business at Clifford, a strategic point for general lines, including the machinery business. He is also interested in a bank at Clifford, and in addition is associated with his brother in general stores at Hope and Colgate, all very successful enterprises.

In 1892 he married Miss Mary Oswald of Viroqua, Wis., who was born in this country, and by the union there are seven children. Senator Kraabel has attended, as a delegate, all of the state conventions of the republican party except two.



SENATOR SIFTON

Dr. John W. Sifton, of Jamestown, North Dakota, is a physician by profession. Doctor Sifton, as he is best known at his home, was born on a farm near London, Ontario, June 26, 1865. He was reared on the farm and received a common school education in the country schools. He received his collegiate education in St. Thomas and entered Trinity Medical College in 1886, from which he graduated in 1890, taking honors as a medalist.

He came to North Dakota in 1890, locating at Valley City, where he practiced for several years. In 1898 he went abroad to take special work in London hospitals. He located in Jamestown in 1899, where he still resides. For the past seven years he has been Head Physician for the Modern Woodmen of North Dakota, and he is at present superintendent of the county board of health in Stutsman county.

In October 1892, Senator Sifton was married to Miss Ida M. Weiser, a daughter of Hon. J. S. Weiser, who, when the state was young was several times elected a member of the assembly.

He has two children, one boy and one girl.

Senator Sifton is a public spirited man by nature and is often called upon by the citizens of his home city to hold important positions. He is a member of the board of aldermen and of the city board of health. In 1904 he was elected on the republican ticket to the office of senator from the twenty-third district.

SENATOR C. W. PLAIN

Hon. Chas. W. Plain, proprietor of one of the most extensive and carefully cultivated farms in Cavalier county, is also engaged in the furniture business at Milton and enjoys a large trade. He is a man of mark in his community and his standing as a good citizen is irreproachable. Several important offices have been intrusted to his care and he has never failed to justify the confidence placed in him by the people. A portrait of Mr. Plain will be found elsewhere in this volume. The subject of our sketch was born in Aurora, Illinois, March 10, 1858, was reared in his native place and there received his education. He later learned the machinist's trade and followed the same in Illinois for some years. February, 1888, he came to North Dakota and located in Milton, where he engaged in the farm machinery business and continued until 1901. Mr. Plain was elected a member of the state legislature in the fall of 1892 on the democratic ticket and served one term. His efficient work and popularity were shown by the fact that in 1894 he was elected to the state senate, his term of office expiring January 1, 1899. In the fall of 1902 he was again elected to the state senate which office he now holds. On November 6th, this year, he was again elected to the state senate on the republican ticket. He is a man

who is determined in his adherence to right and to his friends, and is one of the important factors in the development and growth of the social and financial interests of Milton and Cavalier county. He is married, has a wife and two interesting children.

SENATOR MOVIUS

Hon. Emil A. Movius was born in the city of Golnow, Germany, May 5, 1858. He came to this country with his parents and eight brothers and sisters in May, 1867, when he was nine years of age. His father located in Glenwood, Minnesota, where he took up the practice of medicine until three years later when the family moved to Grant county, Dakota territory. Two or three years later the family moved to New Ulm, Minnesota. The subject of our sketch acquired a common school education in the several towns above mentioned and in 1878, at the age of twenty, he started in business for himself, by purchasing an interest in a livery stable in Big Stone City, Minn. His business life begun at this time, has been one of almost continuous success.

In 1883 he formed a partnership with his brother, J. H. Movius, under the firm name of E. A. and J. H. Movius, to engage in the agricultural implement business in Big Stone City. Four years later, in March, 1887, the two brothers moved to Lidgerwood, D. T., and engaged in the same line of business under the firm name of Movius Brothers. They subsequently added to this business a line of furniture, lumber, harness and a general line of dry goods and groceries and later established branch stores in several near by towns. The firm also became heavy dealers in real estate and were extensive farmers and stock raisers.

As the business grew the several departments were incorporated in order to



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better facilitate the handling of the business. The Movius Elevator Company, building and running a 30,000 bushel capacity elevator at Lidgerwood, and the Movius Lumber Company, are outgrowths of the business of the firm of Movius Bros. The Movius State bank of Lidgerwood was organized in 1896, of which institution Mr. Movius was elected president. This bank was changed to the First National bank of Lidgerwood in 1901, with a capital of \$50,000, Mr. Movius still retaining the presidency. Subsequently the Venlen State bank, Venlen, S. D., and the Farmers State bank of Great Bend, N. D., were organized by himself and associates, and he was elected president of both institutions. He also holds the office of treasurer of the Movius Land & Loan Company of Lidgerwood, which is incorporated for \$35,000. In 1906 the Movius Mercantile Company was incorporated to take over the mercantile business of Movius Bros., with E. A. Movius as manager.

Mr. Movius was married at Big Stone City, in 1882, to Miss Addie H. Waring, of Milbank, S. D., and they have two children, both boys. Since moving to Lidgerwood in 1887, he has made that his home continuously and has been one of the leading spirits in building up that city and the southwestern part of Richland county. He is a Mason of high standing and a member of several other orders.

He has held several minor offices in the village and city of Lidgerwood and has been prominent in local affairs. He was elected to the legislature on the republican ticket from the 37th district in 1902 and to the senate from the same district in 1904.

SENATOR YOUNG

Hon. George M. Young is one of the youngest members of the state sen-

ate. He was born in Lakelet, Ontario, Canada, December 11, 1870. His father was a native of Canada and during his active business life was engaged in the lumber trade, in which he was successful. For a time he served as first lieutenant in the tenth regiment volunteers of Canada. His estimable mother was born in 1832 and passed away in 1896. His paternal grandfather served with distinction as colonel of a volunteer regiment in Canada.

George M. Young began his literary education in the public schools of his native land and later attended the high school at Orangeville. On coming to the United States in 1888, he first located at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he engaged in newspaper work. In the summer of 1890 he commenced the study of law in the office of Pollock & Young, of Casselton, North Dakota. Later he attended the college of law of the University of Minnesota, from which institution he graduated. In 1893 he returned to North Dakota, where for a year he was in the law office of Hon. O. W. Francis at Fargo. In November, 1894, he took up his residence in Valley City, where he opened an office and began the practice of law, in which profession he has had marked success. He was a member of the governor's staff, with the rank of colonel.

In January, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta L. Freeman, whose father was a prominent lumber dealer of St. Charles, Michigan, and whose mother is a direct descendant of John Adams, at one time president of the United States.

In 1901 Mr. Young was a member of the house of state representatives, and also in 1903. In 1904 he was elected state senator from Barnes county and is recognized as one of the important and potent factors of that body of law-makers.

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In far off Sweden, on March 26, 1874, the subject of this sketch was born, and there he lived until his seventh year, when he came to this country with an uncle. At the age of four his father died and he went to live with his uncle, who shortly afterwards sought his fortune in America, bringing young Johnson with him. After spending a year in Pennsylvania, the uncle brought his family and nephew to Washburn early in the spring of 1883. Washburn was then a straggling little village resting on the high bluff overlooking the ever rushing waters of the Missouri river, and offered few opportunities for wealth or rapid development along modern lines.

Young Johnson passed through the experiences of many another poor boy, alternately attending school and doing such odd jobs of work as came to hand. He was always a boy of serious disposition and what little advantages there were to be gained in the school in those days he seized with avidity. From doing chores he graduated into a clerkship in one of the local stores, at the same time securing a homestead, upon which he made such improvements as his means would permit. For a number of years he worked at the printing trade with success. From year to year he prospered more and more and grew in the good opinion of his townsmen and neighbors, until in 1896, when the people were looking about for a suitable candidate for county auditor their choice fell upon him. That he fulfilled his duties well is shown from the fact that he was returned to the same office at the next election and again at the succeeding election, serving in all six years in the office of auditor.

In 1902 he was elected state senator from McLean county, which service, like that in county office, earned him a re-election in the fall of 1904. In the

senate he secured the passage into laws of several measures of particular interest to his constituents and his vote was always cast for measures designed for the best interests of the people of the state. He is a man of quiet, unassuming demeanor, yet has the faculty of making and maintaining friends among those who come to be associated with him for any length of time.

While engaged in politics A. E. Johnson has not been unmindful of those things which tend to man's comfort in this world. He has a fine stock farm almost adjoining the city of Washburn, upon which he lives, and in addition has one of the largest real estate businesses on the Missouri Slope.

Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Clare M. Patterson of Steele, and has two children. Mrs. Johnson is a cultured lady and numbers her friends among all those who know her.

**SENATOR SPOONHEIM**

Hon. Erling K. Spoonheim, senator from the Fifth legislative district, was born in Norway, May 19, 1874. As a child he came to the United States with his parents who settled in North Dakota in 1882. He left home at the age of fourteen to make his own way through college. After attending college for a while he taught school and subsequently graduated from the Valparaiso college, class of 1896, with the degree of B. S. The following year he took a post graduate course at the same institution and received his degree of B. A. After graduating he began teaching again as principal of schools and was, in 1898, elected superintendent of schools of Grand Forks county, but was defeated for re-election in the McKinley landslide of 1900. For three years he was engaged as solicitor for the New York life Insurance Co. After his re-

tirement from this line of activity he went to Northwood where he opened a general farm implement and machinery establishment with a branch at Hatton, in which line of commercialism he is at present engaged, and which he has made a decided success of by reason of his close application to the business and his square dealing with his patrons. He is associated with his brother and operates a large farm in the vicinity of Northwood.

Senator Spoonheim was the youngest member of the senate in 1905, and enjoys that distinction in the present body. The senator is a single man, an unusual thing for a state senator, but it appears to be a source of gratification to him, as he has been the lion of many social functions held at Bismarck. He is a genial gentleman and enjoys the esteem and respect of his colleagues, who have found him a man of high principles and loyal to his constituents.



SENATOR STADE

Hon. Andrew J. Stade, hold-over senator from the 21st district in Ramsey county, was born in Waage, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, March 4, 1858. He is a single man and now lives in Devils Lake. Mr. Stade was raised on a farm and received a common school education in Norway and came to America in November, 1876. He first located at Byron, Minnesota, where he clerked in a store for three years. He then moved to Brookings, Dakota territory, where he clerked in a store for a little over a year.

In April, 1883, he moved to Ramsey county, and went into the general merchandise business for himself at Grand Harbor, then the largest town in the county. He carried on a very successful business there until 1888, when he moved to the new town of Devils Lake.

He sold out his business at Grand Harbor and established a general merchandise store at Devils Lake, which he has conducted ever since. Besides conducting the general merchandise business he has devoted some of his time and energies to farming and real estate business, being very successful at both.

He has been one of the leading citizens of his home city and has done much to aid it in its growth and prosperity. He was postmaster for one term and in the early days was town clerk and school treasurer. He is a republican and was elected to the senate from the 21st district in 1904.



SENATOR LEUTZ

Hon. Ferdinand Leutz, of Hebron, Morton county, was born in Eberbach, Germany, in 1854, and graduated from the high school of Stuttgart in 1870, served in the German army for one year and discharged as lieutenant in reserve. In 1883 he came to Hebron, Morton county, and engaged in farming and stockraising. Later he embarked in mercantile pursuits in which he was eminently successful. At one time he was interested in four general stores located at different towns. Subsequently he entered the real estate business and sold immense quantities of land and materially aided in settling up the country west of the Missouri river. During the past few years he became interested in the banking business. Last year he formed the Hebron Fire and Pressed Brick Co., of which he is an equal stockholder, and established one of the most extensive and up-to-date brick manufacturing plants in the state which is now transacting an immense business.

In 1886 Mr. Leutz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Leutz of Ber-



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lin, Germany. He has two interesting sons and two daughters who are, excepting the elder daughter, in Germany pursuing a course of study and thoroughly mastering the German language.

Senator Leutz is one of the wealthy men of Morton county, and one of its leading, liberal and most progressive citizens. He was chairman of the republican county central committee from 1900 to 1902. He was elected commissioner of insurance in 1900 and re-elected in 1904, serving the state in that capacity four years, and discharged the duties of that office in such a satisfactory manner as to receive the eulogium of the press and public. In 1906, at the primaries, he received the nomination for senator from the thirtieth district without opposition, and was elected over his two opponents at the November election by a handsome majority.

Mr. Leutz is peculiarly fitted for his present position by reason of his thorough acquaintance with state affairs, and by virtue of his vast, varied and intimate knowledge of business conditions in this state. He will prove to be a wise legislator, a safe and conservative member of the senate.



SENATOR THATCHER

The gentleman who represents the twenty-fifth district was born in Sharon, Vermont, January 28, 1851. With his parents he moved to Menasha, Wisconsin in 1857. He received his education in the common and high schools of that city. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Smith of that city. They have one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Root, now living at Guelph.

In 1882 Senator T. H. Thatcher came to Dickey county and engaged in farming. He owns a valuable farm of four hundred acres of fertile soil in Hudson

township, located on which are substantially constructed buildings.

Senator Thatcher is one of the progressive, enterprising and successful farmers of his county. He is one of the kind of farmers that has helped to make North Dakota famous for its large crops, and demonstrated that careful and scientific farming is one of the most profitable industries of this state.

Senator Thatcher is a man of mark in his community and is recognized as the leading spirit in all public enterprises. He has occupied the position of chairman of the town board and president of the school board for many years and manifested great interest in carefully protecting the substantial affairs of his township and seeing that the children of his district had the best educational advantages. He is a staunch republican in politics and in 1906 was selected at the primaries as the candidate of that party for state senator. At the fall election he was elected by a majority of 297 over his opponent.

Senator Thatcher is a genial gentleman and is destined to make an excellent record as a legislator, because of his peculiar fitness for that important position.



SENATOR TURNER

Fifty-nine years ago, on September 9, 1847, a son was born to a young Scotch couple who were on their way from Scotland to seek their fortunes in the strange land of America. That son was James Turner, now senator from the sixth district of North Dakota. The boy inherited much of the old Scotch honesty and integrity and a steadfastness of purpose that has helped him over many a rough place in life.

The young couple located on a farm in Lanark county, Ontario, and there the boy lived until he was fourteen

years of age. His father died when he was but seven years old and he was early thrown on his own resources. He acquired a common school education in the schools of Ontario and learned the carpenter's trade. He worked at his trade in Ontario until 1881 when he moved to Winnipeg. After a year and a half in that city he moved to Grand Forks, Dakota territory, where he has made his home ever since.

On coming to Grand Forks he engaged in contracting and building. In 1885 he began the manufacture of sash and doors at Grand Forks, with a Mr. Chisholm, under the firm name of Chisholm & Turner. This partnership was dissolved in 1891 and from then until 1895 he was engaged as superintendent of construction on numerous buildings. In 1895 he again went into the manufacture of sash and doors under the firm name of Turner & Callender. This business has grown to large proportions, and in 1906 he bought out Mr. Callender and took into partnership his two sons, J. D. and J. E. Turner. The firm named is now James Turner Sons, but the business will be incorporated this month.

Mr. Turner was married July 9, 1872, to Miss Janet Barber, Almonte, Ontario, and the two sons who are now in partnership with him are his only children. In politics Mr. Turner is a democrat, and like the good old Scotchman he has stood by his party in spite of its many adversities. He never held any political office until he was elected senator from the sixth district in the fall of 1906, defeating Hugh Ryan, a former member of the lower house in a district that has usually given the republican candidates large majorities.

SENATOR GILBERT

Hon. Erland Frank Gilbert, of the Tenth district, Cass county, was first

elected to the legislature as a member of the house from the same district in the ninth session of the general assembly. In the campaign of 1906 his constituents promoted him to the senate and he is now serving in his first session in that body. He is a resident of Casselton and has been actively identified with the development of that city since his advent there in 1884. He has been mayor and alderman of his ward and is now the president of the commercial club. He first came to the state in 1883 and worked in Fargo a year and then moved to Casselton, where he was associated with N. K. Hubbard and L. B. Gibbs.

The senator's life has been uneventful, but he has attained commercial success. He was born at Geneva, Ohio, and received his education in the normal school at that place. In his younger days he did some railroading and for a time ran a passenger train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road. His antecedents were English, Irish and Scotch.

He married in 1880, Mary E. Bedell, of Geneva, O., and has two children, a daughter at Erie, Pa., and a son in the fruit business in California. He is a firm adherent to the principles of the republican party and has been a steadfast worker for the interests of his community.



SENATOR SWENSON

Hon. Iver Swenson, senator from the seventeenth district was born in 1849 in Norway. He lived there with his parents until 1868, when he emigrated to America and became for a few years a resident of Goodhue county, Minnesota. Seeing greater opportunities further west he moved to Dakota territory in 1880 where he experienced all the trials and hardships of a pioneer.

- He first located in Traill county, where he pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land, and in 1884 he moved to Nelson county, where he took up a homestead. Since 1884 he has engaged in farming in Nelson county, where he still lives and where he now has a large and modern farm.

In 1877 Mr. Swenson was married to Miss Rande Johnson of Goodhue county, Minnesota, who with him has braved the hardships of pioneer life. They have an ideal family of two boys and three girls of whom they are very proud. Mr. Swenson has taken an active part in the affairs of his township, and has held numerous township offices and school district offices.

Mr. Swenson is a strong republican and is now serving his second term of office in the senate. He was elected to his first term in the fall of 1900.



SENATOR McARTHUR

Senator Dugald H. McArthur, democrat, represents the twenty-eighth district, Bottineau county, and his residence is at Bottineau, the capital of the county. He immigrated with his parents from Canada in 1885 and from the first has been prominently identified with the business and political interests of the county of his adoption in this great commonwealth. He is a descendant of the celebrated McArthur clan of bonnie Scotland, his father emigrating from the land of Burns many years ago. The senator's parents are still living quietly in their home adjoining one of their sons in Bottineau. The father is just one decade the senior of his wife, the former being born in 1810. Relatives of the elder Mrs. McArthur participated in the battle of Waterloo.

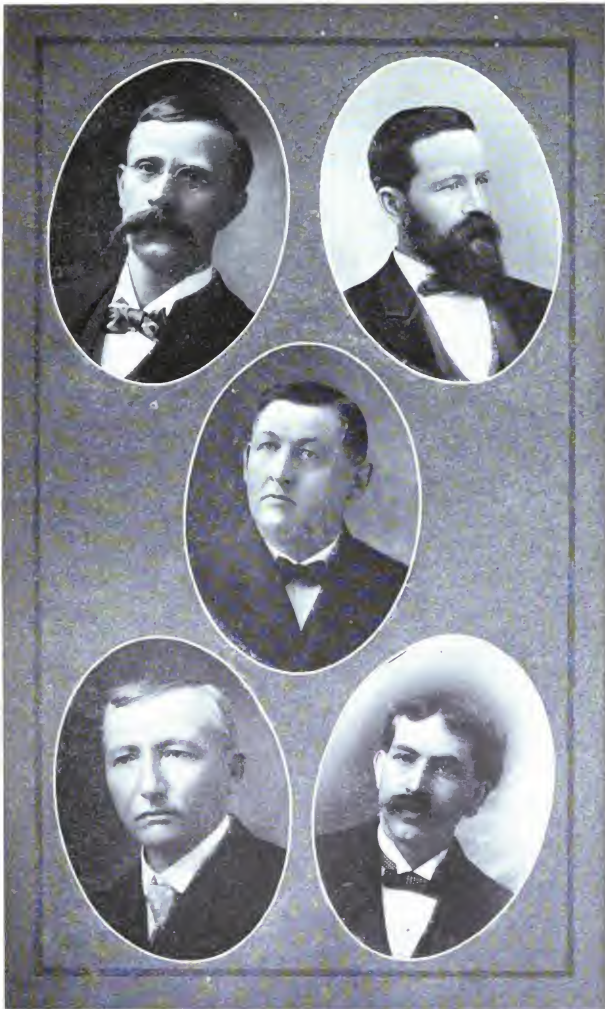
Senator McArthur's boyhood days were spent on a farm in Bruce county,

Ontario. He attended the ordinary public schools and his fort was to delve into the mystery of chemicals. After leaving school he entered a drug store at Toronto and ultimately became a pharmacist. Arriving in Bottineau with his parents he opened up a drug business in the old town and always kept pace with the progress of the town and was a factor in making it what it is today. In 1888 he was burned out and suffered a total loss, but he made another start in 1892. In 1888 Senator McArthur married Miss Amelia H. Knapp, Hamilton, Ontario, who was an accomplished musician and was a teacher of music. In 1895 the senator was appointed postmaster of Bottineau by Cleveland, in fact has been either in charge or deputy for many years. In addition to his drug business Mr. McArthur is in the real estate business and has been active in the new immigration of the last few years. He is one of five brothers and three of them reside in Bottineau.



SENATOR STROM

Hon. Herbjorn H. Strom was born in Numedahl, Norway, January 27, 1846, and came to the United States in 1869 and settled in Clayton county, Iowa, where he resided until he came to Dakota in the spring of 1878. During part of his residence in Iowa he was engaged in selling farm machinery. When he came to this then new country he took up a homestead near Hillsboro, to which he has added other lands by purchase until he now has over six hundred acres in a body of the finest land in Traill county, supplied with substantial buildings and over one-third of it seeded to tame grasses and the whole under a fine state of cultivation. Senator Strom is one of the progressive farmers of this state and has made



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farming a success. A number of years ago he saw the value of diversified farming and found that it paid. He also appreciated the importance of raising the stock standard, and with this end in view began the breeding of short-horn cattle and poland-china hogs. In this line of important industry he has met with remarkable success. He finds a ready market for the products of his fine herd of cattle and the breedings from his excellent drove of hogs.

Senator Strom was married in Iowa, in 1873, to Miss Halverson, and has a family of two sons and one daughter. The elder son, Lewis, is a graduate of the Ohio state university and is a civil engineer in the employ of the New York Central railroad. The other son, Otto, graduated from the North Dakota university and is teaching school at Bottineau.

Senator Strom's political career is as varied as it is remarkable, and demonstrates the esteem in which he is held by the voters of his district. He was county coroner four years, then elected county commissioner, after which he was chosen a member of the house of representatives of this state, which position he held for four years, following which he was selected as state senator and served four years. He then temporarily retired from politics, but last year was chosen state senator from the eighth district without opposition. Such a record is certainly complimentary to his ability and integrity.



SENATOR DYSTE

Senator John H. Dyste of Forman, North Dakota, is a native of Norway. He was born in Toten, Norway, the thirty-first day of July, 1863. He was reared on a farm in Norway and received a common school education.

In 1881 he left his native land and came to America. He located in Minneapolis where he clerked in a store until 1885 when he moved to Forman, Dakota Territory, and went into business with a brother. The two brothers have engaged in the general merchandise business in Forman since that time and have been very successful. Besides attending to his business in Forman, Mr. Dyste has farmed extensively and has a large farm in Sargent county at this time.

Being one of the first settlers in Sargent county, it was but natural for him to take an active interest in building up that part of the state, and he has been the means of bringing many new settlers into the state and has materially helped many of them in braving the hardships of pioneer life. He was several times honored by being elected to minor township offices, including school treasurer, which office he held for several terms. He has been elected mayor of Forman three different times and holds that honorable position at the present date. He is a republican and was elected by that party to represent the thirteenth district in the North Dakota senate in the fall of 1904.

In 1889 Mr. Dyste returned to Norway to visit his old home, and on his return to Forman brought with him Miss Minnie Hall, a sweetheart of former days, to whom he was married. He is the happy father of five children, one boy and four girls.



SENATOR KOFFEL

Hon. Theodore Koffel was born near St. Peter, Minnesota, from which place his parents, when he was about two years old, moved to Montevideo, Minn., where they located permanently. At the proper age he was sent to school and after completing the common school

course, he attended the Windom Institute of Montevideo and graduated from that institution of learning in the spring of 1893, after completing a four year academic course therein. The following year he attended the Canton Commercial College in Minneapolis, after which he continually traveled until the spring of 1896, when he first came to North Dakota. In the fall of 1897 he went in business at Hatton and ever since has been a resident of the state, and while engaged in business at that point he went to Michigan and took a full three year course of law at the University of Michigan, and graduated from the law department of that university with the degree of L. L. B. After being admitted to the bar of Michigan he returned to North Dakota and at the March term of the supreme court, in 1903, passed the required examination and was admitted to practice law in this state. Mr. Koffel formed a law partnership with Mr. Asa Styles, who was then established and practicing law at Mayville. Soon after this the firm opened a law and real estate office at Esmond, which office Mr. Koffel took charge of in May, 1903, where he has remained ever since. In the summer of 1905 the firm disposed of their Mayville offices and Mr. Styles went to Esmond. These gentlemen have a large and lucrative business and are generally considered the leading firm of that section of Benson county.

At the first primaries held in this state, 1906, Mr. Koffel announced himself as a candidate for state senator for the twentieth district, and after a short but spirited campaign, he received the republican nomination over former Senator A. J. Kirkeide, and was elected last November, defeating his democratic opponent, E. B. Page, of Leeds, by a good strong majority. Mr. Koffel by experience and education is well equipped for the senate and is a valuable

acquisition to that body. He is liberal in his views, well acquainted with the wants and demands of the people of the state, and is capable of making himself a potent factor in shaping legislation.



SENATOR RAMSETT

The subject of this sketch was born April 29, 1854, in Dane county, Wisconsin. While quite young his parents moved to Vernon county, where he grew up on a farm. He attended country school during the winter months until of age. He then went to Viroque and entered the high school, from which he graduated after pursuing a three year course of study. After graduating from the Viroque high school he entered the Wisconsin State University, where he remained for one year. Unable to complete the course of study on account of lack of funds, he left the university and became a laborer on the railroad and a farm hand. Accumulating sufficient means he went to St. Paul and entered the Curtis Business College and took a business course of study. After graduating from the previously mentioned college he went to Bismarck, N. D., where during the years of 1882 and 1883 he was employed as a clerk and acquired a thorough insight into the mercantile business. In 1884 with his brother he began business for himself at Washburn, N. D., where for eight years he was a member of the firm of Ramsett Brothers, and conducted a general store. In 1892 he disposed of his interest in Washburn and moved to Fingal, Barnes county, and opened a general store, which he has continuously conducted since that date in a profitable manner.

Senator K. S. Ramsett is a careful and competent business man and has been successful in his mercantile pursuits by reason of close attention to

his interests. He is a man who is held in high esteem by the people of Barnes county, as is attested by the fact that he was elected a member of the house of representatives in 1901 and elected to the state senate last year by a large majority from the thirtieth district, and will prove a valuable accession to that body.



HON. TREADWELL T. TWICHELL

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The speaker of the present house of state representatives is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch and who is probably one of the best known citizens in Cass county. His fame, is however, not confined to that particular county, for so long has he been in the public eye that he is known throughout the length and breadth of North Dakota.

Mr. Twichell was born in Hastings, Dakota county, Minnesota, November 19, 1864. His parents, Luther L. and Sally A. (Dance) Twichell, were natives respectively of New York and Ohio. His father was a educator and merchant and went to Dakota county, Minnesota, in 1855 and engaged in public school work and mercantile pursuits at Hastings until 1876, when he removed to Minneapolis and remained there until his death in 1881. The mother died in 1898.

Mr. Twichell was reared and educated in Hastings and Minneapolis, where he completed a high school course. In 1879 he came to Cass county, but returned to Minnesota and in 1881 again came to North Dakota and settled on the land which he still owns. He began at once to improve his farm and has developed eight sections of choice land from which the annual output of grain runs to one hundred thousand bushels. He has been remarkably successful in his farm work

and has demonstrated that farming in North Dakota can be profitably conducted.

Mr. Twichell was married in 1890 to Miss Grace B. Dill, a daughter of Col. Daniel J. Dill of Wisconsin. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Twichell. He was elected state representative in 1894 and re-elected in 1896, and was elected state senator from the tenth district in 1898 and resigned in 1900, and was elected sheriff of Cass county and re-elected in 1902. Last year he was elected a member of the house of representatives and on the assembling of that body he was selected as speaker by a large majority. He is well equipped for that important position by reason of previous service in both branches of the state legislature and is proving himself to be an excellent presiding officer. He is a man of broad ideas and well merits the political success which has attended him and the high esteem in which he is held by political friends and foes. He has materially aided in the upbuilding and development of his community and his numerous calls to public duty attests the confidence that his fellow citizens have in his honesty and integrity



REPRESENTATIVE SORLEY

Hon. John A. Sorley of Grand Forks, representative from the seventh district, is a lawyer by profession and is widely known as one of the foremost members of the North Dakota bar. He has been interested in many important cases and has a very extended practice. Mr. Sorley was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, June 13, 1859. His parents were both natives of Norway and came to the United States in 1849. They located at first in Dane county, Wisconsin, and later removed to Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. The subject of the sketch was reared on the farm, received



HON. R. N. STEVENS
HON. J. D. CASEY

SPEAKER TWICHELL

HON. J. A. SORLEY
HON. D. R. STREETER

his early education in the rural schools of the crudest kind, and had the advantages as well as the disadvantages of the strenuous pioneer life in the west. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, except while attending an academy. He graduated from Decorah institute in 1881, read law with Colonel Akers of Decorah and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1884. He began the practice of his profession in Madison, Minn., and while there was city attorney of Madison. He removed to Grand Forks in 1889, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice of law. He was a member of the Grand Forks city council for six years, and has been a member of the city board of education for the past eight years. He has been prominently identified with the growth of the city in many ways. He was largely instrumental in securing the location there of the Grand Forks college, an institution which under the auspices of the Lutheran church has grown to one of the foremost educational enterprises of the northwest. He promoted and secured the location there of a cracker factory which is today the largest manufacturing enterprise in the state, and in other ways has helped materially in building up the city. He owns a large business block and other real estate besides one of the best farms in the state. Mr. Sorley is a republican and has always been a leader in the councils of his party. He had the honor of nominating Hon. M. N. Johnson when he was first elected to congress. He is an eloquent as well as impressive speaker and is thoroughly posted on the public questions of the day. He was elected to the state senate in 1893 and was one of the leaders of the upper house during the session. As chairman of the judiciary committee of the 1907 house of representatives and a recognized leader on the floor, he has been one of the influential members of the legislature.

REPRESENTATIVE STEVENS

Hon. R. N. Stevens was born in Orleans county, New York, and removed to Illinois in his early youth. In 1882 he came to North Dakota and settled at Lisbon, and in 1894 moved to Bismarck. He was a member of the constitutional convention, also served as a member of the first legislative assembly. For three years he was connected with the United States department of justice, Washington, D. C. He was a member of the house from the Bismarck district in 1899, 1905 and of the present assembly. He is attorney for the city of Bismarck and for two years was assistant attorney general, in which capacity he did good service for the state.

Mr. Stevens is a lawyer by profession and has had excellent success in his chosen field of labor. He is a man of wide range of reading and possessed of a vast fund of information. He is an able debater and one of the best parliamentarians in the house. His many years of service in the legislature and his thorough knowledge of the law renders him a valuable member, not only for his district, but the state as well. He is a member of the judiciary and appropriation committees, positions which he is especially well qualified to fill in an eminent degree. Few men in the state are his equal as an impromptu speaker, and it is in the heat and excitement of debate on the floor of the house that he shows himself to an advantage. He is alert, resourceful, caustic, forceful and eloquent.



REPRESENTATIVE STREETER

Hon. Darwin Reed Streeter was born August 17, 1848, at Belvidere, Illinois. He went with his parents to Missouri in 1859. He enlisted in the United States navy at the age of sixteen and served six months—until the close of the war.

Learned the printing business and took a prominent part in labor matters, being a trade member while in his teens. Was president of the International Typographical Union in 1877, being the youngest man who has at any time been at the head of this old conservative union. Was president of the Chicago Trades assembly (the central body of the Chicago trade unions) in 1878. Came to North Dakota (Bismarck) in 1881. Established the Emmons County Record in Emmons county in the spring of 1884 and has continuously conducted the paper since that time. Was appointed clerk of the district court of said county in territorial days—1888. Was elected to that position in 1889-90-92-94-96 and defeated in 1900 and 1902. Was elected to the lower house of the legislative assembly in 1904. Was re-elected the present year without opposition. Is a widower, with three sons, aged eighteen, fifteen and thirteen.

Mr. Streeter is an able and convincing speaker and is recognized as one of the leaders of the house. He has a fund of general information and when he addresses the body of which he is a member he elicits the closest attention by reason of his knowledge of public questions and those which are of vital issues.



REPRESENTATIVE CASEY

In the ninth legislative assembly Hon. Tobias D. Casey had the distinction of being the only democrat in the lower house, and while he is deprived of that honor at this session is happy in the thought that the burden of representing the great democratic party in that body is now shared with eleven others of the same political faith.

Mr. Casey was born on a farm near Sparta, Wisconsin, forty years ago. When eight years old he removed to La

Crosse with his parents, and removed to Grafton, this state, in 1890. After leaving school he engaged in the flour milling business for some years, meanwhile studying law, and was admitted to practice ten years ago. He hung out his shingle at Grafton and has become one of the leading practitioners of that part of the state. For three years he was city attorney and has always taken an active part in political matters in his section.

In the last session of the legislature he represented the minority party on most of the committees of the house and in all matters was an active member of that body. His pleasing personality made him many friends, and no man was better known among the legislators of either house than Mr. Casey.

Under the circumstances it was not strange that his constituents should send him back to the halls of the lawmakers, and the fact that he is a member of many of the most important committees is indicative that he will wield no little influence in shaping legislation. Mr. Casey is married.



REPRESENTATIVE BUTTZ

Major Charles W. Buttz is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born at Stoudsburg, Monroe county, in 1839. His grandfather, Michael Robert Buttz, represented Northampton county, Pennsylvania, for a number of years in the legislature of that state. When Charles W. was two years old, his parents moved to the town now called Buttzville, Warren county, New Jersey, where his father, John R. Buttz, engaged in the business of milling and farming. He received an academic education, and studied law with J. G. Shipman at Belvidere, N. J. When the civil war broke out, he was the second man in Warren

county (General Edward L. Campbell, then of Trenton, N. J., being the first) to enlist in the three months' service. When that term expired he assisted in raising a cavalry company for Harlan's Independent cavalry, afterwards designated the Eleventh Pennsylvania cavalry. Mr. Buttz accepted the position of second lieutenant. In 1862 he was promoted to first lieutenant. We find by the official history of the state of New Jersey and the rebellion, by John Y. Foster, published by authority of the state, that Major Buttz has a most excellent military record. In 1863 his regiment was sent on a scouting expedition from Suffolk, Va., to the Blackwater river. This history referred to states that during this expedition Lieutenant Buttz, with twenty-five of his company, charged three hundred of the enemy, and by a dashing charge succeeded in taking sixty-seven of the number prisoners, and capturing a Rocket battery, with a good supply of ammunition. The enemy thus handsomely routed by the Jersey-men consisted of members of the Second Georgia cavalry, and one company of infantry. Thirty-two of the prisoners had severe wounds in the head, inflicted by the sabers of the assailants, whose loss was only one killed and three wounded. While in this department Lieutenant Buttz was on several occasions detailed for service on courts martial as judge advocate, and for a period of two months was provost marshal at Suffolk. When Longstreet besieged that place, Lieutenant Buttz acted as aide-de-camp to Major General Peck. On one occasion, being detailed with part of his company for special service, he captured forty-eight of the enemy, the exploit receiving favorable mention in General Peck's report to the war department.

Lieutenant Buttz, upon quitting the service, commenced the practice of law at Norfolk, where he became prominent

in political movements. He has received two brevets—one as captain "for gallant and meritorious conduct in capturing from the enemy a full Rocket battery," and the other as major, "for gallant and meritorious service in front of Suffolk, both dating March 13, 1865," and signed by our martyred president, Abraham Lincoln.

We learn from the official congressional directory, second edition, forty-fourth congress, that Major Buttz was wounded in 1863, remaining in the hospital for some time, resigning his position in the army through the surgeon general's office on account of impaired health on October, 1863.

He was a delegate from Virginia to the national republican convention that met in Baltimore in 1864, that renominated President Lincoln. He took an active part in the support of the restored government in Virginia at the time Pierepont was governor. After Virginia was placed in the reconstruction act, he took an active part in organizing the republican party of that state, leading the bolt in the republican convention that nominated in 1869 H. H. Wells for governor, Major Buttz and his friends nominating G. C. Walker for governor, who, being supported by the united democratic vote, was elected. Major Buttz was nominated on the independent republican ticket for congressman-at-large, but withdrew from the ticket ten days before the election.

In 1870 he removed to Charleston, S. C., where he was elected solicitor (states attorney) for the first judicial circuit, composed of the counties of Charleston and Orangeburg, in October, 1872, for the term of four years. In 1874 he was nominated by the republican convention of the second congressional district of South Carolina for the forty-fourth congress. The opposition selected E. W. M. Mackey, who received the



HON. SAMUAL ADAMS
HON. G. A. WHITE

MAJOR BUTTZ

HON. WM. SIMPSON
HON. T. E. TUFTE

certificate of election. Major Buttz contested his seat before congress, and on the nineteenth day of July 1876, congress turned Mackey out, and declared the seat vacant. The republican convention again unanimously nominated Major Buttz as their candidate, and at the election, held November 17, 1876, he was elected to fill the vacancy in the forty-fourth congress, receiving 21,385 votes against 13,025 for M. P. O'Connor, democrat. At the same election he was re-elected solicitor of the first judicial circuit for four years by 8,000 majority. Notwithstanding the large majority which he received, and the fact that no one contested his seat, congress referred his credentials to the committee on elections at the commencement of that session. This was owing to the political complications in South Carolina; but on the 23d of January, 1877, the committee unanimously reported that he was entitled to his seat, and the house was unanimous in admitting him.

Thus it will be seen that Major Buttz was a man of great influence in the councils of his party in the early days of the south, and won a most enviable record as a brave and fearless soldier in the Union army. In July, 1880, at Charleston, S. C., he suffered from a paralytic stroke, which affected his right side. Because of that affliction, and acting upon the advice of Dr. Bellinger, his physician, he left the Atlantic coast and came west for a change of climate, locating in Fargo in the summer of the same year, where he opened an office and practiced law, both in Fargo and Lisbon. In the winter of 1881-2 he secured the organization of Ransom county, with the seat of government at Lisbon. Soon thereafter he moved to that city and there continued the practice of his profession until 1887, when he opened up a large farm near Buttzville, and has been en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits ever since. He was elected to the office of state's attorney at the county election, and served with ability. He was elected to the eighth legislative assembly, and was chairman of the judiciary committee; he was also a member of the ninth legislative assembly, and was again chairman of the judiciary committee. He has been re-elected to the tenth legislature.



REPRESENTATIVE SIMPSON

Hon. William Simpson, one of the members from the thirtieth representative district, was born in Woodstock, Canada, December 11, 1853, and with his parents moved to Wayne, Michigan, in 1866. He left Wayne April 7, 1881, and came to Mandan where he located. For three years he was employed as a conductor on the Northern Pacific railroad, running between Mandan and Glendive, or what is now known as the Missouri division. In 1884 he engaged in mercantile pursuits which he followed until November, 1902. On the organization of the Farmers & Merchants bank of Mandan he was chosen vice president, and has the active management of that institution.

Mr. Simpson is a public spirited citizen and has been prominently identified with many new enterprises which have had for their object the upbuilding of Mandan. He for many years was one of the active factors in the state fair, and rendered it valuable assistance.

Politically, Mr. Simpson is a stalwart republican, and has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in Morton county. He was elected to the legislature in 1902, 1904 and 1906, and is one of the oldest members of that body in point of consecutive service.

REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

Hon. Samuel Adams, member of the house from the twenty-second district, was born in Mantorville, Minnesota, January 23, 1869. He was educated in that village and came to North Dakota in the fall of 1887. That fall and winter he worked in the general store belonging to Mr. Holbrook of St. Thomas. He subsequently migrated to Wallace, Idaho, and later to Moscow, Idaho, being in the employment of Governor McConnel, then governor of that state, and having charge of his mercantile establishment.

In the spring of 1897 Mr. Adams returned to North Dakota and located at Perth and engaged in the real estate and loan business. Mr. Adams, in concluding his narrative, stated that "I, like other people who try to do things, have my enemies as well as my warm friends, and had it not been for the friends I have I would not have been a member of the legislature, as it was against my wishes. Through the influence of my friends I became a candidate and was elected with but little effort on my part."

Mr. Adams is an ardent republican and was a member of the previous legislature and made, not only an excellent record, but many warm personal friends. Mr. Adams, by reason of his name beginning with the initial letter of the alphabet was the first name to be announced on roll call in the house, and his friends assert that during the entire session of 1905 he always answered on the right side of the question.

**REPRESENTATIVE TUFTE**

Hon. T. E. Tufte, representative from the fifth legislative district, Grand Forks county, is a native of Norway, is forty-nine years old and came to this country

in 1878. The year 1879 he took up a homestead in Northwood township, Grand Forks county, where he is still living. By hard work and economical management he has been successful in his business life. He is now owner of 480 acres of land four miles from Northwood city.

Mr. Tufte is a progressive man and adopted improved methods which bring the best results, and has a model place. He has large, substantial buildings and everything in good condition. A beautiful artificial grove, planted by Mr. Tufte, is one of the attractions of the place. The trees are large and add much to the beauty of the farm.

In politics he has always been a republican and for the last twenty years has taken an active part in public affairs; has frequently been a delegate to conventions, has held different township offices and is at this time assessor and justice of the peace, which office he has held for the the last ten years. Mr. Tufte has served the public as representative in his district in the legislative sessions of 1899, 1901 and 1903, and with his active, earnest work, he acted the part of a true servant—true to his convictions, true to his constituents and true to the best interest of the state. He brings to the public service the same energy, integrity, ability and progressiveness that characterizes all his actions. At the last election he was elected by the largest majority of all the legislative candidates in his district, and will undoubtedly give to the state the same splendid service that he has given in the past, that is, for the upbuilding of the state and the welfare of the people of North Dakota.

Mr. Tufte is an active member of the Lutheran church, has always lived a happy family life, has had nine children, six boys and three girls, of which five boys and three girls are still living.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

Hon. George A. White is a member of the house of representatives from the thirty-ninth district of Traill county, and lives at Portland, a leading town of his county. Mr. White was born in St. Joseph county, Michigan, in the year of 1857. He is married and has three children. In 1879 Mr. White moved from Iowa to North Dakota and moved to Portland, where for a long term of years he has been at the head of the banking institution of that little city. He is an attorney by profession, but devotes most of his time to his banking business. He was superintendent of schools of his county for one term, and for a number of years has been mayor of his city. In that capacity he has been a faithful servant for the advancement of his community, and as a result his home people look to him as a leader of their local public affairs. Mr. White has always been a sincere republican, honest in his convictions and true to his constituents. As a result of the election of 1904 he was elected as a member of the house of representatives, and during his first term served with great credit to himself as well as his constituents. During the recent campaign he was a candidate for re-election, and while some of his politically ambitious neighbors attempted to secure his place in the legislative assembly, Mr. White was re-elected by a substantial majority.

**HON. R. H. HANKINSON**

As an all around prominent man of North Dakota no one of its citizens more justly deserves the title than Mr. Hankinson. He has been identified with the development and progress of the state, and particularly Richland county,

from the early settlement of that region, and is now extensively engaged in farming in Brightwood township, and also conducts a real estate and loan business in the town of Hankinson, making his home on his elegant estate on section twenty-two, but is found in his office at Hankinson daily. He owns about two thousand acres of land, and his home farm is beautifully located on the banks of Lake Elsie, a fine body of water named for his daughter, Elsie. Every comfort and even luxuries of life are afforded on his estate, and the buildings thereon are among the finest in the state of North Dakota.

Col. Hankinson was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sept. 7, 1841. He was reared in Grand Rapids, where he lived until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted in August, 1861, in company D, Eighth Michigan Volunteer infantry, and was with them until January 30, 1863, when he was discharged on account of wounds received at the battle of Wilmington Island, Georgia. He returned to Grand Rapids and re-enlisted in the Thirteenth Michigan Light artillery, and served to the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Pocatigo, Port Royal, Fort Pulaski and Wilmington Island, and later at Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg and minor engagements until the close of the struggle. He received a wound in the left wrist at Wilmington Island, which caused his discharge, and upon his re-enlistment in the Thirteenth Michigan Light artillery was commissioned first sergeant. He was a loyal and true soldier, and served for the preservation of his country.

After his return from the war our subject went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he entered the service of the Northwestern Telegraph company, and was with them in the capacity of superintendent of construction and assistant



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HON. ROBT. GRIFFITH

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general superintendent of the company until 1881. He organized the Northwestern Telephone Exchange company in 1878, and was elected general manager of the same, serving until March, 1880. After leaving the service of the Northwestern Telegraph company in 1881 he settled in Brightwood township, Richland county, North Dakota. He has a fine estate with excellent improvements, and engages extensively in farming. He has divided his time between that line of work and the contracting for construction of telegraph lines, and has built the following lines: From Chicago to Minneapolis; from Louisiana, Mo., to Kansas City, Mo.; the line for the bankers and merchants from Chicago to Minneapolis. These have been absorbed by the Western Union Telegraph company. He also built the telegraph line for the Soo railroad and all their branches west of the Red river. He constructed the first telegraph line built in North Dakota, or British North America, in 1871, and personally superintended the construction from Moorhead to Winnipeg and also from Fargo to Valley City and thence to Bismarck. He has engaged in the real estate business in Minneapolis since locating on his farm, and at his office in Hankinson now conducts the real estate and loan business and contracting, and also has one of the finest farms in the county and a fruit orchard surpassing anything in the state. He engaged in the mercantile business from 1886 to the fall of 1897.

Our subject was married at Grand Rapids, Mich., January 20, 1868, to Miss Sarah E. Martin, a native of Michigan. Mrs. Hankinson died in Grand Rapids, Mich., in March, 1874, leaving one son, Herbert L., who is now in the grain business in Minneapolis, Minn. Our subject married Miss Etta M. Wilson, a native of Minnesota, September 27, 1876, at Minneapolis. One daughter has

been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hankinson, named Elsie E. He was elected to the first state legislature in 1889 and served one term; was again elected in the fall of 1896, and was elected in 1906 to the same branch. He takes an active part in local affairs, and the town of Hankinson was named for him in appreciation of his services.



REPRESENTATIVE HANAWALT

Hon. John E. Hanawalt was born in Ashland county, Ohio, August 21, 1852. In 1854 his parents moved to the state of Wisconsin, in a covered wagon drawn by four horses, and settled in Springwater, Waushara county, and engaged in farming. As a boy Mr. Hanawalt attended public schools, and afterwards pursued a course in the high school at Burlin, from which he graduated in 1877. For two years he was the principal of a graded school. But like his father, he believed the west offered better inducements and brighter prospects for the young man, and, purchasing a covered wagon and four horses, drove to this state, arriving here in 1880. He located in what afterwards became Harrison township, in Walsh county, and has remained there up to the present time. His attention has been given to farming and stock raising. He was one of the leading spirits in the organization of Harrison township, and was the first chairman of the township board, and, in fact, has held nearly every position in the gift of the people of that township. He is president of the Walsh County Mutual Insurance Company, and is one of the prominent men of his county. He has a fine farm of five hundred acres, all under a fine state of cultivation, with substantial and commodious buildings.

Mr. Hanawalt was married in 1882 to Miss Luella A. Perry, and has a family of three sons and three daugh-

ters. He is a republican, politically, and was the only successful candidate on the republican ticket for a member of the house from that district, the democrats having succeeded in electing two members from his, the fourth district. He is proving to be the right man for the place, and is rendering good service for the state.



HON. A. P. HAUGEN

Hon. Arne P. Haugen, who has been a leading citizen of Grand Forks county for many years, was born in Norway in 1845 and came to the United States in 1868. In 1879 he located in Grand Forks county and since that date has been engaged in farming. Mr. Haugen has been active in public life and interested in promoting many public enterprises. He is president of the Grand Forks County Mutual Insurance Company and has held that position since its organization. That he is a man held in high esteem by his neighbors and recognized as a man of ability by the people of his county is clearly shown by the excellent official record which has followed his residence in this state. He was a member of the constitutional convention and was a member of the first and second sessions of the state legislature and was elected to the present session without opposition. He was sergeant-at-arms during the third legislative session. For twenty-five years he has been president of the school board of Reynolds. He certainly is a man of business ability and must be a man who merits the confidence of the public to hold a public position all those years.

Mr. Haugen was married in 1873 to Miss Erickson. Mr. and Mrs. Haugen have three grown sons. Two are located at Gilby and the third lives in Traill county.

REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Hon. David R. Jones of Sanborn, North Dakota, member of the house of representatives from the thirty-eighth district, was born at Neenah, Wisconsin, September 7, 1850, of Welsh parentage. His parents lived on a farm near Neenah until he was nine years old, when they bought a farm near Berlin, Wisconsin. In 1866 they moved to Glendale, Monroe county, where they remained until 1884. He was reared on the farm and received his education in the country schools of Wisconsin. The family moved to Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1884, and he was engaged in farming there until 1888, when he moved to North Dakota and bought land in Meadow Lake township, Barnes county. He has lived there ever since and under the firm name of Roberts & Jones, operates a large fifteen hundred acre grain and stock farm.

Mr. Jones was married in February, 1871, to Miss Lyda Hoyt of Glendale, Wisconsin, and they have five sons and three daughters, all full grown. He has taken a prominent part in the affairs of his township since he moved to Barnes county, and has held numerous township offices during his residence there. He is president of the Litchfield Rural Telephone Company and was active in the organization of that company, which now owns and operates a number of miles of rural lines. He is a republican and was elected to the legislature for the first time in the fall of 1906.



REPRESENTATIVE GRIFFITH

Hon. Robert Griffith of Osabrock, Cavalier county, representative from the fortieth district, is a Canadian by birth and a farmer by occupation. He was born in County Lanark in eastern Ontario, January 1, 1853. He came to

North Dakota in 1882 and with a few of his neighbors from the east went on out beyond the pale of civilized communities, organized counties and towns and located on unsurveyed government land in what is now Cavalier county, where he has lived ever since. When he located there and commenced life anew neighbors were few. He frequently carried provisions on his back from the nearest railroad point, thirty miles away, and his supplies had to be hauled in and his products hauled out with oxen. He began practically without capital except good health and a bountiful supply of pluck and industry in his nature. When the township was surveyed he preempted the quarter section on which he had "squatted" and then took a homestead, after proving that up. He also acquired an adjoining quarter section as a tree claim, on which he has now one of the finest artificial groves in the state. He later acquired adjoining land by purchase and now owns and is farming over one thousand acres and has been very successful. He has one of the most attractive farm homes in the county. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and has made a specialty of raising thoroughbred cattle and horses. His place is known far and near for its fine stock. Mr. Griffith has been prominently identified with the development of his section of the state. He has also been honored by his fellow citizens with practically all of the local and township offices within their gift, and is at the present time chairman of the board of supervisors of Eastby township. Mr. Griffith's family includes his wife, one daughter and four sons. He is a republican in politics and has long been prominent in the councils of his party.



REPRESENTATIVE CHAPMAN

The member of the present house from Williams county is no stranger to

the halls of legislation, having been a member from the same county in the session of 1905, when he was a member of many important committees, and chairman of that most important committee in the dying hours of the session, the steering committee. Of an equable disposition, accommodating and affable, probably no member made more friends during the session than Hon. Frank B. Chapman.

Mr. Chapman was born in the state of Ohio in 1858 and came to Dakota Territory when quite a young man. He had quite an experience in roughing it on the plains and in freighting between Bismarck and the Black Hills during the early gold excitement in the latter region. After spending some time in the Hills, he came to Bismarck, where he spent some time and then located in Grand Forks, where he was engaged in the milling business for several years. From there he went to Thompson and for five years successfully conducted the bank of Thompson.

In 1902 he located permanently in Buford, Williams county, where he is now interested in the Buford Mercantile company and the First State bank. His popularity soon resulted in his election to the legislature, and notwithstanding the fact that his worth had been recognized by his appointment as national bank examiner, his people prevailed upon him to resign that lucrative and important post to again serve his constituents in the house. As bank examiner he was considered by the national bankers as being exceptionally thorough and careful in the work.

Mr. Chapman is married and has one child, a daughter. As a business man he has no peer and in the matter of politics his personality is such that should he care to pursue public life he will undoubtedly have a bright future.



HON. A. E. JONES

HON. A. W. CUNNINGHAM

HON. F. B. CHAPMAN

HON. W. R. PURDON

HON. A. A. MONEK

REPRESENTATIVE PURDON

Hon. William R. Purdon, of Wahpeton, is a Canadian by birth. His parents were Scotch Canadians, and he was born at Watson's Corners, Ontario, August 16, 1864. His parents moved to Alexandria, Minnesota, in 1868, where they resided for twelve years and where he received his education. In 1880 the family moved to Wahpeton, Dakota Territory, where he with his father, James Purdon, and an uncle, David Purdon, engaged in the general merchandise business. Under the firm name of James Purdon & Co., this business has been continued for twenty-seven years without interruption.

Mr. Purdon (Capt. Purdon, as he is best known) was captain of Company I, N. D. N. G., at the time of the Spanish-American war, and his company was among the first to respond to the call for volunteers. He served as Captain of Company I, First North Dakota Infantry, during the Spanish-American war and Philippine outbreak and saw real service in the Philippines, coming home with high honors. After the war he continued to serve as captain in the National Guard, having command of Company I for a period of nine years all told. In 1906 he was promoted to the rank of major. He has always been active in promoting the welfare of the Guard and served as president of the National Guard Association of North Dakota during the years 1905 and 1906.

In 1890 he married Miss Belle Hanson, of Willoughby, Ohio. They have two children, one son and one daughter.

Mr. Purdon has been a member of the Wahpeton school board since 1900, and has always been active in promoting the welfare of that city. In the spring of 1904 he was defeated for mayor of Wahpeton by the narrow margin of seven votes. In 1906 he was

appointed city auditor by Mayor Eberley. He was elected to the legislature on the republican ticket from the twelfth district in 1904 and re-elected in 1906, and during his term of office has been particularly active in advancing the interests of the National Guard. In both sessions he was chairman of the committee on military affairs. His father, James Purdon, was also a member of the legislature in 1895.



REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Hon. Albert E. Jones of Lisbon, North Dakota, representative from the fourteenth district, was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, May 13, 1865. He received a good education in the Hudson public schools and finished in the Northwestern University at Evanstown, Ill. His father was general agent for the McCormick Harvester Company at Hudson, and as a young man he became familiar with the machinery business in his father's office. In 1885 he took a position with the McCormick Harvester Company as traveling salesman in South Dakota, with headquarters at Sioux Falls, S. D. He held this position until 1890, when he went to Fargo to become general agent for North Dakota for the Aultman-Miller Company. In 1895 he severed his connection with the above company and engaged in the real estate business in Fargo where he remained till 1899.

In 1899 he moved to Lisbon, his present home, and engaged in the real estate business. Later he formed a partnership with his brother to engage in the lumber and implement business. This firm eventually became the Jones Lumber & Implement Company, of which he is president, but he himself has devoted most of his time to the real estate business. He invested to some extent in Ransom county land, and

has devoted some attention to farming and horse and stock raising.

He has twice been elected mayor of Lisbon, and is serving his second term now. He was elected to the legislature in 1906 as a republican.

Mr. Jones was married to Miss Blanche Durell of Mitchell, S. D., on May 13, 1890, which was his twenty-fifth birthday. He has three children, two boys and one girl, and has a pleasant home in Lisbon. He is a member of several secret orders, including the Elks, Masons, Workmen and Woodmen.



REPRESENTATIVE MONEK

Mr. Monek was born in Germany in 1866, and six years afterward came to this country with his parents and settled in Wisconsin, where he lived seven years and then removed to Stutsman county. It is interesting to note in this connection that when Mr. Monek did his first farm work in Stutsman county in 1879 for his father that it was done with four oxen. With these primitive animals a great deal of the sod was turned over and other farm work accomplished, which, though slow, was more economical than it could have been done with horses.

In 1891 Mr. Monek borrowed \$1,000 from his father and bought the relinquishment to a very fine piece of land fifteen miles from Jamestown and settled upon it as a homestead and launched out as a farmer on his own hook. This land he resided upon for five years and proved up. He then bought 640 acres three miles from Jamestown and made his home there. Since that time he has added to his landed possessions until he now farms 1,600 acres.

Mr. Monek is a republican and has taken more or less interest in state and national issues but cannot be called a

politician. He has held the usual run of local offices in the township and school district, and is a fine representative farmer citizen of the famous James river valley.

Mr. Monek has already gained many friends among his brother legislators, and, like the other members of his delegation, will be an invaluable representative of his district and for the entire state.



REPRESENTATIVE CUNNINGHAM HAM

Hon. Alexander W. Cunningham of Grand Rapids, LaMoure county, is an extensive farmer and stock breeder. He was born in Baldwinsville, New York, May 23, 1853. He spent his early boyhood in Baldwinsville, the family living there until he was fifteen years of age. In 1868 the family moved to Albin, Michigan, where they located on a farm. He was educated in the common schools of New York and Michigan and engaged in farming in Michigan after he became of age.

In 1881 he came west and located seven miles north of Jamestown, Dakota Territory, where he took up a homestead. He lived on this farm until 1894, farming and raising stock and suffering the hardships that all pioneers had to endure. In 1893 he sold out his interests near Jamestown and bought land near Grand Rapids, LaMoure county, where he is still living. He has a large farm and is an extensive breeder of full blood Shorthorn cattle. He is also president of the LaMoure Telephone company and the LaMoure County Creamery company, both of which enterprises he helped to organize.

He has devoted himself to farming and business rather than politics, though he has always been a staunch republican. He has held several minor town-

ship offices and for the past ten years has been president of the village school board. He was elected to the legislature from the twenty-fourth district in November, 1906.

Mr. Cunningham has twice been married, the first time to Miss Jennie Perry, of Concord, Jackson county, Michigan, who died in 1898, leaving five children. He remarried in 1899 to Miss Annie G. Kinney of Fox Lake, Wisconsin, and to them one little daughter has been born.



REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

Hon. O. G. Nelson was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, December 9, 1906, and is the oldest of the six children of Thore and Kjirstine (Tandberg) Nelson, both natives of Norway. In 1859 Thore Nelson and a number of his friends left for the California gold fields with oxen and prairie schooner. While it now takes only three days to cross the country from Wisconsin to California, it took them five months. He returned in 1861 and bought land in Olmsted county, Minnesota, and made that his home. Here the subject of this sketch spent the days of his childhood and youth by working on the farm in summer and attending school in winter. He managed to complete a business course at Rochester, Minnesota, in the spring of 1879. Was married the same spring to Miss Gulbjor Hanson of Rochester. Having chosen farming as his profession he rented his father's farm until the spring of 1881, but finding profits coming in rather slow, he loaded all his belongings into a prairie schooner, except three cows, which he left behind, and a team of horses which he hitched on the pole and moved to section 8, township 148, range 52, Traill county, North Dakota, where he still lives on his original homestead. Here Mr. Nel-

son has increased his worldly wealth and from the above described amount to the ownership of 1,292 acres of the best Red River valley land, together with substantial buildings, horses, cattle and machinery.

He has always been a public spirited citizen and has at all times enjoyed the confidence of his fellow men, having been continually intrusted with the affairs of school and local government, being this fall elected for the second time to represent his district in the present legislature.



REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

Hon. John Johnson, one of the representatives from the second district, was born in Iceland, November 1, 1862. He came to this country with his parents in 1873 and lived in Shawano county, Wisconsin, until 1880, when he moved to North Dakota and is at present engaged in diversified farming on a 300 acre farm in Gardar township, Pembina county. He was elected county commissioner in 1888 and served three years on the board. He has also held various offices in the township, such as supervisor, assessor, school director and school clerk, and is at present one of the directors in the Edinburg & Gardar Telephone Company. In 1886 he married Miss Gudbjorb Peterson, also a native of Iceland, and has a family of nine children. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and Modern Woodmen of America and is a democrat and as such was elected to the house.



REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON

Hon. John M. Anderson was born in Becker, Minnesota, October 26, 1877, and came to North Dakota in the spring of 1896. He worked on a farm south



HON. J. M. ANDERSON
HON. GEO. H. LAW

HON. O. G. NELSON

HON. JOHN JOHNSON
HON. OLE SYVERTSON

of Buffalo, Cass county, until 1898, when he entered the state normal school at Valley City, graduating from that school in 1903. He was the first editor-in-chief of the Normal Oracle, a student publication, and was a member of the Normal team which twice defeated the Moorhead Normal in debate. In the fall of 1903 he entered the state university of Grand Forks and graduated from that institution last June, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts. While attending this university he represented it in its debates with the university of Manitoba at Winnipeg, in the spring of 1904, and since then represented this state twice in its oratorical contests with South Dakota.

At the present time Mr. Anderson is a law student at the state university at Grand Forks. He is a democrat in politics and was last fall elected a member of the house from the sixth legislative district. This is Mr. Anderson's initial appearance in the political arena. He is a single man and well worthy and duly qualified to embrace matrimonial felicity.



REPRESENTATIVE SYVERTSON

Hon. Ole Syvertson, of Overly, Rolette county, representative from the nineteenth legislative district, is a farmer and stock raiser by occupation. He was born in Norway in 1863 and came to the United States in 1879. He lived in Dodge county, Minnesota, for seven years, working on the farm in the summer and going to school in the winter. He came to North Dakota in 1886, settling on government land in Rolette county, where he has lived ever since. There were but few settlers for miles around when he located there. He has added to his original quarter by purchase and now owns and is farming 960 acres of land two and one half miles

south of Overly. Mr. Syvertson served one term in the house of representatives in 1897. He has also represented the fifth commissioner district on the county board for six years, and has been chairman of the board for four years. He has also been clerk of the Cleveland school district for the past fourteen years. Besides raising grain Mr. Syvertson engages quite extensively in raising horned stock for market, keeping generally from eighty to one hundred head. He takes a wide interest in public affairs. His home is one of the attractive farm places of the county.



REPRESENTATIVE LAW

Hon. Geo. H. Law was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, near Niagara Falls, in the year 1862. He received a common school education and in 1882 went to Winnipeg in its boom days. In the spring of 1886 he came to Barnes county, where he has since resided. He has followed the occupation of a farmer and while engaged in this line of industry, in which he has been remarkably successful, he has found time to take an active part in politics in which he has taken great interest, especially in local affairs. He is an omniferous reader and a close student of events and on his table are found the latest magazines and books of interest. He was elected to the house last fall and is popular in his district—the fifteenth.



REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH

The subject of this sketch was born November 3, 1858, in Walford township near Smith's Falls, Ontario. In April of 1881 he came to North Dakota and filed in the fall of that year in Grand Forks county and has been engaged in

farming since that date. He has lived, since May, 1885, in Inkster and has been for the past ten years proprietor of the Inkster hotel. Notwithstanding his duties of landlord he has found time to conduct his farm, which he has managed with satisfactory results. He was township clerk for three or four terms and since the incorporation of Inkster as a city has filled the offices of city assessor, justice of the peace and is now serving his fourth consecutive term as a member of the Inkster school board. Mr. Church was an employe of the house during the sessions of 1897 and 1901 and carefully watched the deliberations of those bodies, so that he comes well prepared to participate in the deliberations of the present session. He was elected a member of the house of state representatives last fall as a republican from the fifth legislative district.



REPRESENTATIVE HANSON

Hon. Alexander D. Hanson of Wyndmere, North Dakota, was born at St. Ansgar, Iowa, April 18, 1866, of Scandinavian parentage. He grew to manhood on a farm near St. Ansgar and received his education in the common schools of that county and in St. Ansgar academy. Absorbing some of the western fever which was prevalent at that time, he broke away from home ties in 1888 and moved to Richland county, Dakota Territory, taking up a homestead near where the village of Wyndmere is now located. He has devoted himself to farming continuously ever since that time and still lives where he first located.

In 1896 he was married to Miss Susie Bryan of Wahpeton and two happy children have come to bless their home. Mr. Hanson is an active member of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen lodges at Wyndmere. He has at different times held

nearly all the township offices and school district offices in his township, and has always interested himself in the welfare of his home town.

He has always affiliated with the democratic party and for the past fourteen years has represented his township on the county committee or his party. He was elected a member of the tenth legislative assembly from the thirty-seventh district in November, 1906.



REPRESENTATIVE EVANS

Hon. Thomas Evans of Dickinson, Stark county, representative from the thirty-first legislative district, is engaged in stock raising. Mr. Evans was born in Fox Lake, Dodge county, Wisconsin, in 1858, and is of Welsh parentage. He attended the common district schools until about 15 years of age and then took the four years' course at Ripon and Fox Lake college. In 1880 he went to Leadville, S. D., and engaged in mining. In 1882 he came to North Dakota, locating at Gladstone, Stark county. He engaged in teaching.

He was elected county superintendent of schools at the first election after Stark county was organized and was re-elected two years later for a second term. Since then he has devoted himself to stockraising and has a fine stock farm of sixteen hundred acres at Gladstone. It is stocked with about one thousand head of cattle, which he raises for the eastern markets and has been eminently successful, although he has seen some of the hardships of stock raising also. He was elected to the house of representatives as an independent candidate, by the use of "stickers," defeating J. E. Phelan, the republican nominee by seventy-eight votes. The latter contested the election, but Mr. Evans was seated by a practically unanimous vote of the house.



HON. THOMAS EVANS
HON. D. E. BLAKE

HON. EDWIN CHURCH

HON. A. D. HANSON
HON. E. T. HALAAS

REPRESENTATIVE HALAAS

Hon. E. T. Halaas, representative from the thirty-second legislative district and one of the oldest settlers of Foster county, was born near Christiansund, Norway, on the eighth day of August, 1863, where his father was a farmer and carpenter. After receiving a good education in his native language, Mr. Halaas came to America in the spring of 1882 and settled near Milan, Chippewa county, Minnesota, where he worked mostly on the farm. In the winter of 1882 he worked for his board while attending the public schools. Early in the spring of 1883 he came to North Dakota at that time part of the territory of Dakota, and squatted on government land near Carrington, in Foster county, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Halaas, as most young men, came to the territory of Dakota empty handed, and had to work his way through all the hardships that generally fall upon an early settler, but with an iron will he stuck to it and succeeded. Mr. Halaas now owns one of the best equipped farms in Foster county, consisting of 1,600 acres, valued from \$35 to \$40 per acre, all under a good state of cultivation and improved with the best of farm buildings and stocked with cattle, horses and machinery of all kinds and all paid for, besides owning considerable city property, including a nice residence in the city of Carrington, together with a good bank account and money on interest.

Politically Mr. Halaas is a staunch republican and is one of the leading men of his party in his county. After serving several years on the school board he was elected county assessor in 1890, and in 1892 was elected county commissioner, which position he held continuously for ten years, of which he served three years as chairman. In 1902 he was elected county treasurer of Foster county and

re-elected in 1904, and in 1906 was elected representative from the thirty-second legislative district, comprising Foster and Eddy counties.

**REPRESENTATIVE BLAKE**

Hon. E. D. Blake, representative from the thirteenth district, is a resident of De Lamere, Sargent county, which county he has made his home since 1881. He was born in Huron county, Ontario, January 25, 1869, and was reared on his father's farm. He acquired an education by diligent effort, his early years being spent in study and work on the farm. The family moved to Dakota Territory in 1881 and located in Sargent county.

At the age of nineteen he began teaching school and for several years he taught school and operated a farm in Hall township. In 1898 he went into business in De Lamere with W. L. Winslow of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and is now a member of the firm of Winslow, Blake & Bliss, which owns and operates a retail lumber yard at De Lamere. He is also cashier of the De Lamere State bank and is conversant with all its affairs and in close touch with all the patrons of that institution. He has been prominent in educational work and all progressive movements in his county.

As commissioner of drainage in his county he has been very active in the work, including the completion of the details in the co-operation of Richland, Sargent and Ransom counties in the tri-county drain. He has devoted much time and study to drainage matters as well as all other matters of interest to the community in which he lives. Mr. Blake is a republican in politics, a strong Roosevelt republican. As is usual with all public spirited men he has held many minor offices of trust in his community and township, including president of the

school board. He was elected to the legislature for the first time in November, 1906.

Mr. Blake was married at Wahpeton in 1892 to Miss Phebe Camilla Blouin, who is a sister of J. C. Blouin of De Lamer. They have an ideal family of five, three girls, Maggie, Grace and Madge, and two boys, Henry and George. He still attends to his farming interests in Hall township and is improving his farm by subsoiling and various other methods.



REPRESENTATIVE DIBLEY

Hon. F. E. Dibley was born in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 28, 1860. Received his early education at the common schools, graduated at Spencer's Business College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1878. Came to Ada, Minnesota, in 1879 and was employed by the St. Paul & Pacific Railway. During the year, returned to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and again returned to Minnesota in the spring of 1880, entering the services of the Elmwood Stock & Grain farm, at Sabin, Minn., in the capacity of foreman, where he remained until 1889. Then he accepted a position with the Milwaukee Bridge & Iron Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as traveling sales agent. Remained with the Milwaukee house for two years, when they made an assignment. He then accepted a position with Lawrence H. Johnson, of Minneapolis, Minn., agent of the Wisconsin Bridge Company, as traveling sales agent. (Mr. Johnson has just been re-elected to serve his fourth term in the Minnesota state legislature.) Was with Mr. Johnson until January, 1898. Then entered into partnership with Col. W. H. Robinson, of Mayville, N. D., under the firm name of Dibley & Robinson, bridge and structural builders, with offices at Fargo, N. D.

This partnership continued until 1902, when it was dissolved. He then organized the Fargo Bridge & Iron Company, of Fargo, N. D., and was elected its president, and has continued in such official capacity up to the present time. He is president of the North Dakota Improvement Company and has extensive farming and mercantile interests. He is married and is English by birth. Was chosen in 1906 as a member of the house from the ninth district.



REPRESENTATIVE BURDICK

U. L. Burdick was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, in 1879, of New England parents of French and Irish ancestry. Removed to Graham's Island, North Dakota, in 1882. Graham's Island was at that time surrounded by the waters of Devils Lake, and Fort Totten on the Sioux Indian reservation, the nearest trading point, was reached by means of a ferry. Because of this isolation the school advantages of these early days were very deficient and it was not until he was fourteen years of age that he attended a six months' term of school. At eighteen he left the farm and entered the State Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota. After attending the Normal four years, alternating with teaching country school in Benson county during the summer vacation, he graduated in June, 1900. He was then appointed deputy superintendent of schools of Benson county, which position he held until the fall of 1901, when he entered the University of Minnesota as a law student. It was in the summer following that he received his first experience in politics, being nominated as county superintendent of schools on the republican ticket. But realizing the urgent need of an uninterrupted course in law, he declined the nomination and resumed his studies in the

university. Being interested in athletics as well as studies, he became a member of the Varsity football team and played right end on the famous 1903 championship team of Minnesota. He graduated from the law department in June, 1904, and was admitted to the bar of North Dakota in March previous. In the fall of the same year he was elected cashier of the First National bank of Munich, which position he still holds. He was elected a member of the house from the eighteenth district by a good majority.



REPRESENTATIVE RESTE-MAYER

March 19, 1882, E. H. Restemayer bought a quarter section of land near Cavalier, in Pembina county, and is glad of it. He reached that section of the state too late to get a homestead and had to content himself with buying a piece, which was considered hard luck in those early days. He farmed that piece of land so intelligently that in a short time he was able to buy the adjoining piece, and he has been keeping up this practice until now he owns nine quarter sections—one apiece for each of his children.

Mr. Restemayer, who, when he completes his present term, will have served the second district for six years in the house of representatives, was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, January 24, 1856, his father being a farmer. He was raised on the farm and had pretty much the same experience of all farm boys. In the winter of 1882 he got the "Dakota fever" and followed the trail taken by friends to what was then considered a wild and wooly country. Finding no vacant lands where he desired to settle, he bought, as stated above, and has had no reason to regret his judgment. Before

leaving Canada he had married, and now has six boys and three girls to make his home bright.

Mr. Restemayer has held a number of local offices, in fact, like all progressive men, has run almost the gamut of duty as district school and township officeholding, in all of which he has acquitted himself well. He is a republican.

He served in the legislative sessions of 1899 and 1901 and was elected again last fall. He is a man of practical affairs and sound judgment, and thoroughly alive to the interests of his constituents and at the same time not unmindful of the greatest good for the people at large.



REPRESENTATIVE WATTS

Hon. W. J. Watts of St. Joseph, Pembina county, representative from the first district, is one of the pioneer farmers of Pembina county. Mr. Watts was born in London, England, March 31, 1849, and was the oldest of five children. When he was ten years of age his father settled in Ontario, Canada. In 1879 Mr. Watts came west and located on government land in Pembina county, where he has lived ever since. That part of the state was practically unsettled at that time, excepting by a number of half breed families living along the Pembina river. For several years he hauled the products of his farm with ox teams over into Manitoba and sold them to the Hudson Bay company. Mr. Watts assisted in the organization of his township and has served in nearly all of the township offices. For the past fifteen years he has been clerk of St. Joseph township, and also president and clerk of the school district for twenty years. He was a member of the sixth, seventh and eighth legislative assemblies from the first dis-



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tract. In politics he is republican. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is Vice High Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters for North Dakota. He owns and farms a half section of land and has one of the handsomest farm homes in Pembina county. Mr. Watts was married in 1880 and has three children, two boys and one girl, unmarried.



REPRESENTATIVE PIPER

Hon. Richard G. Piper is one of the many substantial farmers of southwestern Cass county, his farm being situated in Leonard township. Mr. Piper was born in Germany, March 28, 1862, and is the son of William and Emily Piper, his father also being a farmer. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of the fatherland, finishing his studies at Garty college in Germany. In the year 1881 he came to North Dakota and for five years resided with his parents in Addison township, moving to his present location in 1886. During the year of 1887 he was married to Martha M. Meilicke, daughter of Edward Meilicke, also a prominent Cass county farmer. Through thrift and aggressiveness Mr. Piper has acquired a considerable amount of this world's goods. Like many others who came to North Dakota he took advantage of his opportunities and today is rated as one of the leading farmers of his county. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Piper possesses considerable bank stock, and is a man of influence in his community. In 1904 he was elected as a member of the house of representatives and his constituents were so well pleased with his record that he was re-elected last fall without opposition.

REPRESENTATIVE SWENDSEID

Hon. A. R. Swendseid of Petersburg, North Dakota, was born in Norway in the year of 1857. With his parents he emigrated to the United States in 1867 and settled in the vicinity of Rushford, Fillmore county, Minnesota. After attending the public schools he pursued a course at Luther college, Decorah, Iowa. After this he taught school for a few years in Fillmore county, Minnesota. In 1882 he came west and in 1883 settled on a homestead south of Petersburg, Nelson county, North Dakota. It was during the year 1894 that he became engaged in general merchandising at Petersburg, which line of trade he still continues, being a member of the firm of Swendseid & Knold. He was elected a member of the house from the seventeenth district in 1904 and was re-elected last November.



REPRESENTATIVE LIVY JOHNSON

Representative Livy Johnson of Cogswell, North Dakota, is better known throughout the state as an extensive breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Mr. Johnson was originally an Indiana farmer. He was born in Evansville, Indiana, in September, 1867, and was reared on a farm, receiving a common school education in the rural schools of that county. Getting the western fever he came to North Dakota in 1889 and located in Sargent county, where he took up a homestead and where he has engaged in farming and stock raising ever since.

He has a herd of eighty registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle besides a large flock of Shropshire sheep, several French Percheron horses and other cattle and stock. He is an authority on stock breeding and is a member of several breeders' associations, including the French Per-

cheron association, Shropshire association and Aberdeen-Angus association. He owns a valuable tract of timber land in Washington.

Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Belle Mowers of Ripon, Wisconsin, in April, 1900, and has three children, two girls and one boy. He is a member of the Woodmen and Odd Fellow lodges. He has held several minor township offices, but has seldom taken an active part in politics, devoting himself almost exclusively to his business. He was nominated by the republicans of his, the twenty-fourth, district, in the fall of 1906, without his soliciting the honor, and was elected with very little opposition.



REPRESENTATIVE S. N. PUTNAM

While this is Mr. Putnam's first call to the state capitol building, he is not new to office holding, a fact which attests his well known popularity at home in Eddy county. Beginning his career in Eddy county as a school teacher in 1883 he was soon after elected county superintendent, and served in that office two terms, when he was elected register of deeds, which office he held three terms.

Mr. Putnam was born at Big Lake, Minnesota in 1861. Soon afterwards his family removed to Massachusetts, from which they originally came, and after a few years moved back to Minnesota, settling in Otter Tail county.

Like almost everybody else in North Dakota, Mr. Putnam secured some land and has been more or less of a farmer along with his other accomplishments, now owning seven quarter sections. His present business is that of abstractor and politics is but a side issue with him. He is married and his wife is the present county superintendent of schools of Eddy county.

Mr. Putnam is a man of ripe judgment and gives all matters which come before him as an official consideration before making up his mind, and for that reason is certain to make a good member of the legislature. He has the faculty of making and keeping friends and through this medium will undoubtedly be able to secure such laws as his district feels are needful.



REPRESENTATIVE BROTNOV

Hon. K. O. Brotnov was born in Norway during the year 1865. At the age of three his father died. In giving a biographical sketch of Mr. Brotnov we cannot refrain from reproducing his own language as his description of his life was cleverly told. He said, "After the death of my father, who died before we could get acquainted, because I was but three years of age, my mother took me by the hand and we emigrated to the land of promise, now the land of trusts—the United States. When we landed at Quebec we were placed aboard the cars and bumped over the rough and rocky Grand Trunk and Milwaukee roads until we were dumped off at Conover, Winneshick county, Iowa, when my uncle ordered my mother into the wheat field to bind and I was strictly enjoined to keep out of the way of the reaper. In 1879 I was taken by my mother to Pembina county, Dakota Territory, where she took up a homestead. On this farm, for several years, I came in contact with some genuine hardships and some tall hustling. But all this is changed. I now own a half section or better of Red river dirt and other things too numerous to mention, and along with it a good wife, four daughters and the blessings of a kind mother, who is still living, but who has quit hustling. I, also, have been fortunate enough too, and part of the time glad to hold all the



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offices in and about the township and school district in which I live. I was a member in good standing in the fifth and sixth legislative assemblies as a populist, with democratic tendencies, and was elected last fall as a democrat, partly, however, by the aid of republican votes. I intend to do what is right."

Certainly this man is entitled to receive what he asks for, as he shows in his narrative that he has a strict regard for the truth, although it may affect himself. A man possessed of this stamina is bound to succeed.



REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY

Hon. Henry T. Connolly of Wahpeton was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin, April 4, 1858. His parents were Irish and had come to this country only a short time before his birth. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Green Lake county, where they lived on a farm until 1879. He was brought up on the farm and attended the common schools of the county until in 1879 he started out to make his own living and emigrated to Dakota Territory, locating at Wahpeton. He worked at the carpenter trade for eight years and then took up a claim near Tyler, about seven miles south of Wahpeton, on the Chicago Milwaukee railroad, which had just been built. He farmed there until 1902, when he moved back to Wahpeton and engaged in the contracting business. During eight years of the time he lived on the farm at Tyler he bought wheat at that station. In May, 1903, he formed a partnership with his brother, Arthur Connolly, to engage in the hardware business at Wahpeton and this business still continues.

Mr. Connolly was married at Wahpeton February 11, 1886, to Miss Celia A. Eagen, and they have three children.

During most of the time spent on the farm near Tyler he held some township

office, such as township treasurer or assessor. He is a democrat, and in 1902 was nominated by that party for member of the legislature from the twelfth district and was elected. In 1904 he was defeated for the same office and in 1906 he was elected, this time receiving the largest vote of any candidate in the district.



REPRESENTATIVE ROHS

Hon. Jacob Rohs of New Salem, Morton county, was born in Niles, Cook county, Illinois, October 25, 1870, and moved to Chicago with his parents in 1871. Mr. Rohs came to North Dakota in 1900 and settled in New Salem and engaged in the mercantile business. He has held the office of president of the village board for the past four years, and has been clerk of the school board of New Salem for five years. Mr. Rohs is vice-president of the Wiegmann Mercantile company, one of the largest department stores in the western part of the state. Mr. Rohs was elected last fall as representative by an overwhelming majority.



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. GIEDT

Mr. Giedt is a good example of what can be accomplished in a new country by a man willing to buckle down to hard work and pull success out of his labor. He was 17 years old when he came to America from Alt Danzig, Russia, having been born August 16, 1870. This part of the world, its peoples and manners were a sealed book to him, but having emigrated for the purpose of bettering his condition, he set himself to the task manfully, and as a result is now looked upon as one of the leading men socially and financially of his section.

He located upon his arrival in Dakota in McIntosh county and until he was old enough to take a homestead in his own name worked for others. Finally securing a fine piece of land he settled down to farming and has been engaged in farming more or less ever since. From 1890 to 1894 he was postmaster of Giedt postoffice, was justice of the peace in 1894 and from 1895 to 1903 was register of deeds of McIntosh county, these four terms being a high testimonial of the estimation in which he is held by his friends and neighbors.

In 1903 he engaged in the banking and real estate business, at the same time maintaining his agricultural interests, and he is today one of the leading men in his county. His postoffice is Ashley.

This is Mr. Giedt's first experience at law making, but he is making rapid headway in that line and will soon be as good at the business as any of the old members. He is a republican in politics and a staunch believer in the ability of that party to govern state and nation. He has already made many friends among his brother members and is looking well after the needs of his constituents.



REPRESENTATIVE STEEN

Hon. John Steen of Knox, North Dakota, representing the thirty-fourth district in the tenth legislative assembly, is one of the youngest members of the joint assembly, being but thirty-two years of age.

Mr. Steen was born on a farm in Norway July 28, 1874, and came to America, when but sixteen years of age to seek his fortune. He located in Ramsey county, North Dakota, and until 1898 he worked on farms in the summer and attended school in the winter. The winter of 1892 he spent at Minneapolis attending a business college. After eight years of

toil to acquire an education he moved to Pierce county, and took up a homestead, upon which he has lived since 1898. He is a practical farmer and a hard worker. He is unmarried.

He has been very active in promoting the welfare of his township and since he moved to Pierce county, he has held several of the important township offices. At present he is clerk of the school district. He is a republican and in the fall of 1906 was elected on the republican ticket as a member of the legislature from the thirty-fourth district.



REPRESENTATIVE ELHARD

Hon. George Elhard is a native of South Russia, of German descent, and came to America in the spring of 1844 with his parents. They settled upon a homestead north of Kulm, and ten miles southeast of where the town of Gackle now stands. George, who was eighteen years of age, secured a clerical position in one of the Kulm stores, and later taught school in Logan county. In 1902, associated with George Gackle of Kulm, he opened a country store seven miles south of this village and was appointed postmaster. Early in the spring of 1904 he moved the store and postoffice of Gackle to where it now stands. He is now senior member of the firm of Elhard & Co., and enjoys a prosperous business. He is a staunch republican and has rendered his party valuable service in each campaign for the past years. He is a shrewd, capable business man and will make a splendid representative for the people of his district.



REPRESENTATIVE AAKER

Hon. O. S. Aaker was born in Norway in the year 1869 and came to the United States in 1889. He spent three years in



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Nicollet county, Minnesota, working on a farm in the summer and attending school during the winter months. In December, 1892, he came to North Dakota and spent the first three months at Grand Forks college.

In June, 1893, he took up a homestead in Wells county and engaged in farming for about five years. In 1897 he became interested in general merchandising and since 1901 has been general manager of the firm of Johnson and Aaker at Minnewaukon. This firm has a large department store and carry on an extensive trade.

Mr. Aaker is a republican in politics and was elected last fall as one of three members from the twentieth district, which includes the county of Benson.



REPRESENTATIVE WAKE

Hon. John F. Wake, of Bowdon, Wells county, representative from the thirty-third legislative district, is engaged in business as a general merchant. Mr. Wake was born in Ontario, Canada, October 30, 1861.

He came to the United States in 1874, locating at first in South Dakota, where he was engaged in the hardware business. He came to Wells county, North Dakota, in 1891, locating at Bowden, where he has been a resident ever since and engaged successfully in general merchandising. Mr. Wake also has another store at McClusky, and other real estate interests in the county. He has always taken an interest in the public welfare of his community and has been honored with various local offices. He has been for some time past president of the village of Bowden and is also president of the board of education. The present is his first term in the legislature. In politics he is a republican and is prominent in the councils of his party.

REPRESENTATIVE SHANNAFELT

Hon. William F. Shannafelt of Fessenden, Wells county, North Dakota, was born on a farm in Cass county, Michigan, March 20, 1853. He worked on his father's farm and attended the country schools until he was of age, and in 1876, when he was twenty-three years of age he moved to Kent county, Michigan, where for five years he was employed in the shingle mills. Preferring farm life to that in the shingle mills he moved back to Cass county in 1881 and engaged in farming there until 1885, when he moved his family to Dakota Territory and located on a rented farm in Cass county.

Seeing better opportunities a little further west, where land was cheaper, he moved to Wells county in 1893 and took up a homestead, and this has been his home since that time. He was married in June, 1877, to Miss Josephine Williams of Cass county, Michigan, and has no children. Mr. Shannafelt, like hundreds of other early settlers, endured the hardships of pioneer life, but his faith in the future of the country kept him from becoming discouraged, and he is now comfortably situated on a beautiful farm, the reward of his years of labor. He has always interested himself in any enterprises for the development of his county, and is at present a director in the Hamberg-Norway Telephone company, which owns and operates a number of miles of rural telephone lines. He was elected to the legislature from the thirty-third district in the fall of 1906 and his constituents have a faithful representative in the tenth legislative assembly.



REPRESENTATIVE OVESON

Hon. John Oveson, who is a member of the house of representatives of the

tenth assembly, from the eighth district of Traill county, was born June 14, 1859, in Norway. He came to North Dakota April 2, 1882, and since that time has been engaged in farming in Buxton township of Traill county. Mr. Oveson has the complete confidence of the people of his community, and after holding scull offices as township assessor and county commissioner for a long term of years, he was elected in 1904 as a member of the legislature, and though there were numerous other candidates last election for Mr. Oveson's seat, he was re-elected by a comfortable majority.



REPRESENTATIVE DEAN

Hon. W. S. Dean of Union, Grand Forks county, representative from the seventh district, is one of the pioneer farmers of the Red river valley. He was born in Litenfield county, Connecticut, June 6, 1853, and is of English descent. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the common and high schools, and as he grew to young manhood he worked on the farm, taught school and clerked in the country store. Soon after he attained his majority he came west and after living in central Illinois some five years, came to Dakota Territory during the winter of 1881-1882 and located on government land in what is now Union township, in April, 1882, and has lived there ever since, engaging in farming. He was one of the first settlers in that entire section. He assisted in the organization of the township. Incidentally there was a strenuous contest over naming the township. Differences were finally harmonized, however, by calling it Union, and ever since the residents of the township have made it a model community in matter of harmony. Mr. Dean was the first chairman of the township and has served in various capacities. He has been clerk of his

school district for the past fourteen years continuously. He is a public spirited citizen and for North Dakota first, last and all the time. At Willow Ridge farm, two and one-half miles west of Holmes post office, Mr. Dean has one of the most attractive farm homes in the county. He owns and farms a section of land and besides raising grain is successfully breeding Norman horses, Holstein cattle, Poland-china hogs, etc. Mr. Dean has a fine family. One son is attending the state agricultural college, and a daughter will graduate this year from the Reynolds high school.



REPRESENTATIVE JENSEN

Hon. O. L. Jensen, representative from the thirty-third district of North Dakota, was born on a farm near Throndhjen, Norway, in August, 1851, and came to America with his parents in 1857. The family first located on a farm near Decorah, Iowa, where they remained two years. In the fall of 1859 they moved to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the subject of this story was reared and educated in the common schools and lived until he was forty-two years of age. He engaged in farming after he became of age and that was his sole occupation until he left Fillmore county.

In 1893 he moved to North Dakota, first locating in Nelson county. After spending a year in Nelson county on a farm he moved to Harvey, Wells county, where he went into the mercantile business. After two years he disposed of his mercantile business and since that time has been engaged in the agricultural implement business and farming. He is also a director of the First National bank at Harvey. He has held numerous township offices during his residence in Wells county and has done much to



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develop and improve the village of Harvey and the surrounding country. He is unmarried.

Mr. Jensen has been a life long republican and in 1906 was nominated by that party for the office of member of the legislature from the thirty-third district, and was elected by a nice majority.



SENATOR SIMPSON

Hon. L. A. Simpson, senator from the thirty-first district, is a resident of the city of Dickinson in Stark county. He was born at Deer Isle, Hancock county, Maine, on December 7, 1868, but at the age of nine years with his parents moved to the city of Portland, where he lived until 1886. At that time he got the "go west" habit, and, his parents consenting, he went to Minneapolis to live. He was educated in the schools of Portland and the law department of the Minnesota university. He read law in the office of Hon. George P. Flannery of Minneapolis, and at that city in 1889 was admitted the bar, the same year in October locating in Dickinson, where he has since resided and practiced his profession.

He has a lucrative law practice in Stark and adjoining counties and owns one of the largest and most select private law libraries in the state. In 1892 he was married to Miss Rosalinn C. Messersmith, and their home is one of the best in the city.

Besides the practice of law he has interested himself in several commercial enterprises. He organized one of the first corporations—the Missouri Slope Land and Investment company—that purchased for settlement a large tract of land (120,000 acres) in the western part of the state, in advance of the subsequent rush of settlers to that section, and the advance in land values. He also was one of the organizers, and

is a director in the Missouri Slope Brick & Tile Company at Dickinson. The company is one of the largest brick and tile manufacturers in the west and has an extensive plant. He is an officer and director in the Interstate bank of Sentinel Butte, and president and director of the Gladstone State bank at Gladstone. He, with Rev. T. L. Rabsteink, the priest of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Dickinson, established "Der Volksfreund," a weekly newspaper published at Dickinson in both the English and German language, and is a half owner therein. The paper has one of the largest circulations of any in the state, and is universally read by the German speaking people in Stark and surrounding counties.

He has taken considerable interest in politics ever since residing in the state. He is a republican and has been selected as a delegate from his county to every republican state convention since 1890, with the exception of 1898, when he was absent from the state. He was chairman of the republican state convention in 1900. In 1892 he was elected to represent his county in the legislature as a member of the house of representatives, and was re-elected to the same position in 1894. He was elected state's attorney for Stark county in 1896 and was re-elected in 1898. In 1900 he was elected for four years as senator from his district and was re-elected to the same office in 1904, and is now serving his second term as senator. He has been city attorney for the city of Dickinson ever since its incorporation as a city.

He served in the Spanish-American war as a member of the Third Regiment U. S. Volunteer cavalry, being a member of Grigsby's "Rough Riders," from the early spring of 1898, until the regiment was mustered out in the fall of that year.

SENATOR REGAN

Our subject was born on a farm near London, Ontario, Canada, November 3, 1870. His father, Patrick Regan, was born in Canada and was a farmer by occupation. He removed his family to Unionville, Missouri, in 1870, where he engaged in the mercantile business. The mother of Senator Regan, whose maiden name was Mary Coughlin, was born and raised in Canada.

Senator Regan is second in a family of nine children, and was raised in Unionville, Missouri, and after attaining his majority engaged in business for himself. In 1891 he went to Carlington and was in the employ of Thos. Doughty, who was engaged in the machinery business. In June, 1893, he went to Fessenden and established himself in the same line of business, with Mr. Doughty as a partner. They continued together in trade until January 1, 1897, when Mr. Regan purchased his partner's interest and is still engaged in the business. This was the first machine firm in that city and the building constructed was either the third or fourth structure erected in Fessenden. Not content with one line of trade he formed a partnership with Mr. W. W. Lyness and engaged in the elevator business and from that time to the present has carried on extensive dealings in this line of trade. He also has been engaged in the disposing of town sites and other equally important branches of commercialism. In fact Senator Regan is known as one of the hustling and wideawake business men of the western part of the state. He has been remarkably successful in his business undertakings and has an established reputation for business sagacity.

Senator Regan was married January 19, 1899, to Miss Grace Christie, daughter of Captain A. E. Christie. They have one son, Arthur C.

Senator Regan was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in November, 1893, and held that office for eight years. He was chairman of the republican county central committee in 1898 and was elected state senator of the Thirty-third district in 1902 and re-elected in 1906, and is a member of a number of important committees of that branch of the legislature.

**SENATOR J. L. CASHEL**

Hon. J. L. Cashel was born in 1848 in New York City; moved with his parents to Ohio and from there to Wisconsin in 1857. Was raised on a farm until the age of twenty-one years. Outside of his education at the public schools he attended the Galesville college, Wayland university, Beaver Dam, and the state university at Madison. He taught school several years and successfully conducted a business college of his own at LaCrosse, Wis., for nearly five years, when he sold out and went into the mercantile business at Rochester, Minn., in 1876. Disposing of that after two years he located at Faribault, Minn., and engaged in the abstract and real estate business. In 1881 he moved to Grafton, N. D., engaging in the banking business, where he has remained ever since. He has held many local positions, among them being alderman for Grafton for six years; member of the board of education and its president the last sixteen years. He has served twelve years in the state senate and was re-elected last November without opposition. He is president of the State Bankers' association, president of the North Dakota Drainage League and chairman of the democratic state central committee.

He was married at LaCrosse, Wis., in 1875 to Miss Margaret Morris. The family consists of two sons; one, Morris



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J., is in his junior year at the University of Wisconsin, and the other, John L., is in the senior law class at the North Dakota university.

Senator Cashel is recognized as one of the leading men of this state, and through his influence many just measures have become laws of North Dakota.



SENATOR C. I. F. WAGNER

Captain Wagner is a native of New Brunswick, N. J., having been born in that city December 3, 1862. He is the eldest son of Rev. John M. and Sarah (Vorhees) Wagner. The father was pastor of the Dutch Reform church of Brooklyn, N. Y., during the later years of his life. Captain Wagner was reared in Brooklyn, and received a thorough business education in Wright's college, after which he entered a wholesale house in New York City at the age of eighteen and remained for two years. In the spring of 1882, with F. F. Farrell, he started for Dakota with the idea of sheep raising. They arrived at Jamestown and drove overland to Fort Totten, and north of Devils Lake he and his companion staked out their claims. For about two years he engaged in the cattle business, and in 1883 purchased the Devils Lake Globe at Grand Harbor. He removed to the Turtle Mountain-Mouse river district in 1884, and established, at Dunsceith, the first local newspaper in that section of the state, and conducted it until 1896 when he sold it to his brother. He enlisted in 1889 in the North Dakota national guard and rose to the rank of captain; and resigned when elected to the office of register of deeds of Rolette county. Captain Wagner has dealt extensively in real estate, and engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1899 the Rolette County Abstracting company was founded and he was chosen abstractor.

He was married in 1888 to Miss Leonore DeEsterre. Six children blessed their union. Captain lost his wife in 1903 and was married to Miss Algie V. Stewart of Wykoff, Minn., in 1906.

Captain Wagner is a republican and was elected to the house of representatives in 1902. In 1904 he was elected to the state senate, a proper recognition of his competency and general fitness for that honorable position. As a senator he has made an excellent record, and has not only been attentive to his duties, and the demands of his constituency, but has proven a faithful and efficient lawmaker, watchful and cautious, and ever looking for the state's best interests.



SENATOR HALLIDAY

Hon. Francis Allen Halliday, of Hensel, N. D., one of the few democratic members of the senate, has been a resident of Pembina county since 1881 and has experienced as much hardship in his struggle to get ahead in the new country as any other of the early settlers. Mr. Halliday was born in Leonard county, Ontario, May 17, 1843. His parents moved to Carlton county when he was a small boy and it was there that he was reared and acquired a meagre education in the common schools. After he became of age he engaged in the mercantile business and in 1875 he started west. For six years, from 1875 till 1881, was engaged in construction work for the Canadian Pacific railroad. In the latter year he moved to Pembina county, Dakota Territory, and began the life of a farmer. This he continued for several years, or until 1890, when he moved to Hensel and engaged in the elevator business. In 1901 he again engaged in the general merchandise business, and for four years enjoyed a very lucrative trade at Hensel.

Tiring of active business life, he in 1904 sold out his store and invested a part of his surplus in the State bank at Hensel, of which institution he was elected president. Mr. Halliday has been a democrat all his life but has seldom cared to neglect his business for public life, so has never been a seeker of office. In 1892 he was elected to the legislative assembly from his district, serving one term. In 1906 he was elected to the senate from the second district and is now serving in that body.

Mr. Halliday was married in November, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Kean. He has seven children and nineteen grandchildren.



SENATOR TALCOTT

Hon. Frank S. Talcott, representing the eleventh district, Cass county, has confined his legislative experience in the higher branch of the state assembly. He was first elected to the seventh session in 1901 and is now completing his second term.

He was born in New York City July 12, 1863, and is the son of Frank P. and Gertrude Talcott, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. The elder Mr. Talcott was of the celebrated wholesale dry goods house of J. B. Clafflin & Co. Senator Talcott attended public and private schools in Buffalo and New York and finished his education at Williams college, Massachusetts. He was graduated in 1885 and attended a law school at Buffalo until 1887. He first saw Dakota in 1878, coming to Cass county at the time of the building of the Northern Pacific road, in which his mother's father was a heavy stockholder. In 1881, as a young man, the senator came west and assisted in starting the large Talcott farm, which comprises three and a half sections. In 1887 he took up his permanent residence on the farm near Buffalo, on which he has a comfortable and com-

plete home, about which there is always an air of refinement and culture.

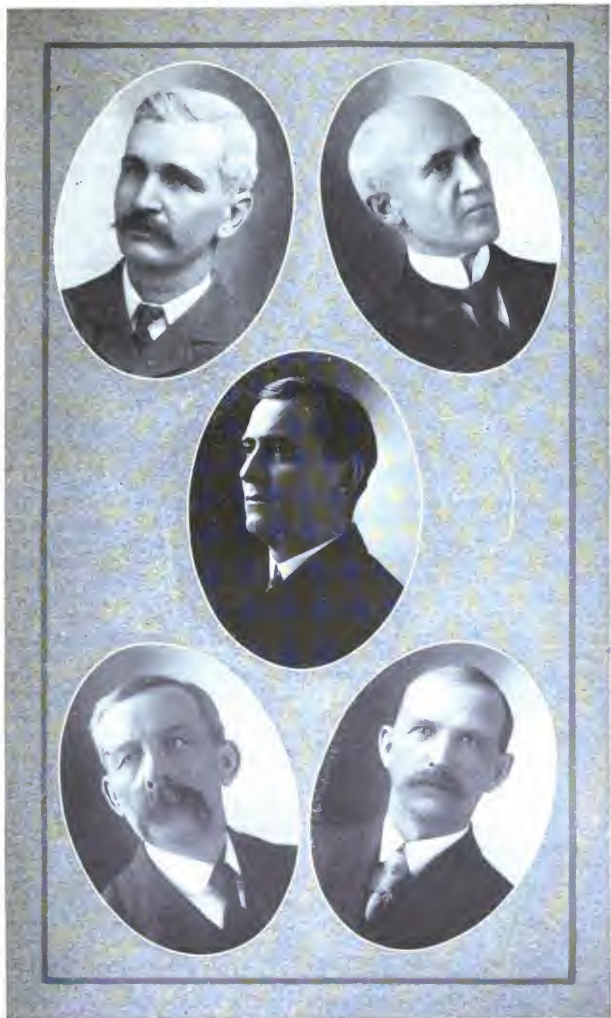
Senator Talcott married in 1893 to Miss Agnes W. Thompson, of Buffalo, N. Y., and there are three children by the union. The senator since his advent in the state has been closely associated with the republican party and always a firm believer in those principles and has been an active worker locally and ever in the state at large in the promulgation of those principles. He has been member of the state central committee of the party and continuously a member of the county central committee. His farming enterprise has been a conspicuous success and he has ever been a loyal supporter and advocate of the work done by the agricultural college at Fargo.



SENATOR CRANE

Hon. Maynard Crane was born on Christmas day, 1857, at Caldwell, New Jersey, under the same roof that earlier had sheltered the infant Grover Cleveland. His parents moved to Florida when he was about twelve years of age and he was reared on the banks of the St. Johns river at Mandarin, the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe. He received his education there and a knowledge of the lumber business in the employ of others, and in 1883 migrated to Coopers-town, Dakota Territory, where he has since lived and where he has been engaged in the lumber business all the time. At first he conducted the business alone, but later took in as a partner a Mr. Johnson, who had been in his employ. In 1903 the business was incorporated under the name of Crane-Johnson company.

Mr. Crane was married in January, 1887, to Elizabeth Fitch of New York City. They have one living child, a daughter eighteen years of age. Mr. Crane says he never "monkeyed" with



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politics until 1903, when he was elected senator from his district, the sixteenth. In 1906 he was re-elected by a majority of one, the democratic landslide of last year almost covering him up. He has always been a republican excepting upon state issues. While living in Florida he affiliated with the democrats. He is independent, however, not caring to wear a collar, and believing that there is something in the game of politics better than being on the band wagon. He never held any public office other than senator except during the years 1900 to 1904, when he was a member of the board of trustees of the Agricultural college at Fargo.



SENATOR PALMER

Hon. George D. Palmer of Foster county, senator from the Thirty-Second district of North Dakota, is a type of the self made man such as is often found on the western prairies. Mr. Palmer was born in March, 1855, on a farm near Detroit, Michigan. His parents both died when he was a very young lad and he was left to shift for himself. For a long time he lived in Ogle county, Illinois, working on a farm and at day labor and making a struggle for an education.

The western fever took him in 1884 to Dakota Territory and for three years he worked on a farm in Barnes county. In 1887 he moved to Foster county and took up a homestead. He still lives in Foster county and at present at the little town of Bordulac, which has been his postoffice during his residence in the county, except for two years when he was engaged in the real estate business in Carrington.

He was married in 1877 to Miss Susie M. Harrington of Chicago and has no children. He has made his way through life by hard knocks and his history since

he came to this state is similar to that of many another pioneer farmer.

Mr. Palmer has been an active republican during his life time, but declined office for himself until the fall of 1904, when he was elected to the ninth legislative assembly from the thirty-second district. His service in that body was so commendable that in 1906 he was elected to the senate and his district has an able representative in that body.



SENATOR ALBRIGHT

Senator Chris. Albright of McIntosh county was born in Baden, Germany, December 3, 1859, and was reared there on his father's farm. In 1879, when he was twenty years of age, he came to America and located near Circleville, Pickway county, Ohio. He worked on a farm there for two years and then moved to Michigan. He spent about two years in Marquette county, Michigan, working in the iron mines, when he moved to Dakota Territory, locating near Yankton. He spent about three years there working on farms and in 1885 moved to McIntosh county, where he took up a homestead.

There were no railroads in McIntosh county at that time and he was among the very first settlers. He and his few neighbors had to endure many hardships in those early days. He devoted himself to stock raising to which his county is peculiarly adapted, and in due course of time was abundantly rewarded for his industry. He still lives on his homestead, which is now one of the prettiest farms in the county. He has a large herd of cattle and sheep, hogs and poultry, a little better than is found on the average farm.

In 1889 Mr. Albright was elected county commissioner from his district and served in that capacity for six successive years. In 1894 he was elected auditor of

the county and was re-elected to this position four times, serving ten years in all. In the fall of 1906 he was elected state senator from the thirty-sixth district.

Mr. Albright was married in May, 1887, to Miss Barbara Bauer at Hoskins, which at that time was the county seat of McIntosh county. They have no children but have adopted one son.



SENATOR JOHNSON

Hon. Thomas Johnson of Walsh county, the genial representative of the third district in the North Dakota senate, was born on a farm in Racine county, Wisconsin, January 11, 1853. His parents moved to Chickasaw county, Iowa, when he was an infant, and he was reared on a farm there. He attended the common schools of his county and after becoming of age engaged in farming until the year 1892, when he moved to North Dakota.

Mr. Johnson located in Walsh county and has resided there since he first came to the state, engaging in the agricultural implement business all of the time at Park River. When he first came to Park River he formed a partnership with Hendrickson & Olson of Grafton to engage in the implement business. Later this partnership was dissolved and he took in Thomas Wedge as a partner. He bought his partner out in 1898 and has conducted this business under his own name for the past nine years. He has been successful in business and has acquired several pieces of farming land in the course of his residence in the county.

He has several times been honored by being elected to minor town offices and has held the position of president of the Park River school board for a number of years. In 1902 he was elected a member of the house of representatives from his district and two years later was elect-

ed to the senate. In him his district has a very able representative.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1896 to Miss Ingebaar Huseby of Northfield, Minnesota, and they have three children, two girls and one boy.



SENATOR PURCELL

Hon. William E. Purcell of Wahpeton, senator from the twelfth district of North Dakota, and one of the best known attorneys in the state, was born in Flemington, New Jersey, August 3, 1856, of Irish parentage. He received only a common school education and began to support himself at an early age. He worked on a farm and at day labor until he was nearly twenty years of age, at which time he began the study of law. He entered the law office of John M. Voorhees in Flemington, in February, 1876, and in February, 1880, he was admitted to the bar of New Jersey. He remained in the employ of Mr. Voorhees one year and came to Dakota Territory in July, 1881, determined to cast his lot with the people of the west.

He located at Wahpeton where he has successfully engaged in the practice of law. He has practiced in all the courts of the state and has gained an enviable reputation as a criminal lawyer throughout the state. He was appointed by President Cleveland as United States attorney for the Territory of Dakota on the fifth day of April, 1888, and resigned in May, 1889. He was elected a member of the constitutional convention of the state of North Dakota and served as a member of that body and helped to build the constitution of the state of North Dakota. In 1889 he was elected by the democratic convention at Fargo, the first member of the national committee from this state. He has several times declined nominations to state offices by the democratic conventions.

In 1896 he ran against P. J. McCumber for states attorney of Richland county, but was defeated by a very small vote. He was elected senator from the twelfth district in November, 1906, by a majority exceeding three hundred, beating his opponent almost two to one.

He was married in April, 1889, to Miss Myhra Stevens of Wahpeton and has no children. He still resides in Wahpeton, Richland county, North Dakota, where he has made his home since he first came to the state and where he enjoys the distinction of having the largest law practice in the county.



SENATOR STEELE

Hon. H. H. Steele, state senator of the twenty-ninth district, is a self-made man; was born and spent his boyhood days on a farm in Wisconsin. There he was taught independence, resolution and energy and learned that it was the farmer in 1776, that made this country a nation. As soon as he reached an age of understanding he associated himself with a great firm which had years of success behind it; a firm with credit based on a rock; with founders whom he could place as examples to study and follow, a firm whose principles carried out produces the government we enjoy, and ever since he has been faithful to that firm, the republican party. In 1889 from the farm Mr. Steele went to Dakota, where he secured employment in a bank. By his industry and attention to the business he was promoted step by step to cashier. During this time he spent his evenings in the night school and later went to Minneapolis to attend the university, where he worked day times and studied nights and graduated in 1900. He was admitted to the bar in North Dakota in the same year and located at Leeds, where he organized the Farmers' bank.

In 1903 he went to Mohall, N. D., where he organized the First National

bank, of which institution he is cashier. When but a young man Mr. Steele became an ardent admirer of that great and fearless man who was maintaining the standard of right in the city of New York as commissioner of police, and hoped that some day such as he could be the nation's executive, little dreaming that so soon would Theodore Roosevelt be president. Mr. Steele has as large a business in Ward county as there is in the state. The people's interests and his interests are one. He has proven that he can accomplish what he purposes to do. To have an idea and to carry it out are not the only things that count. Results and not theory are what the people want.



SENATOR RICE

Hon. Clayton D. Rice of Towner, North Dakota, was one of the first settlers in McHenry county and for a good many years has been one of the most extensive farmers and stock raisers in that county. He was born July 19, 1859, on a farm near Amherst, Portage county, Wisconsin, and resided with his parents there until he was of age. He attended the common schools in the country near his father's farm and the high school at Waupaca, Wisconsin. Upon starting out for himself he bought a farm near Sheridan, Wisconsin, and resided thereon until he came to Dakota Territory in April, 1888.

With his family he located at Towner, D. T. in 1888, and has been engaged there in agricultural pursuits and stock raising since that time. He has been an extensive dealer in real estate and now owns about three thousand acres of land in McHenry, which he farms.

The year the state was admitted into the Union, Mr. Rice was elected to the office of clerk of the district court for his county and he held this position continuously until January 1, 1905. In the



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fall of 1904 he was elected to the legislature from the thirty-fourth district and in 1906 he was elected to the senate. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Rice has been the means of bringing many new settlers into his county and in the early days assisted many of them in "proving up" on their claims. Until only a few years ago he was personally acquainted with and could call every man in his county by name.

Mr. Rice was married in April, 1883, to Miss Franc A. Robacher and has three daughters, two of whom are now attending Carlton college at Northfield, Minnesota. It is to such men as Mr. Rice that the state owes much of its present wealth and prosperity. In the midst of hardship and adversity, his faith in the future prosperity of the state never faltered and in the past few years he has reaped a rich reward for industry and steadfastness of purpose.



SENATOR MACDONALD

Hon. Alexander Macdonald of Glencoe, Emmons county, North Dakota, senator from the twenty-sixth district, was born in Scotland in July, 1860. He came to America in April, 1863, locating in Emmons county, where he has lived ever since. He was among the very first settlers in that county and was forced to suffer the hardships and privations of pioneer life for many years before the country was very thickly settled and railroads ventured in.

In 1885 he was married to Miss Nettie Smith of Burleigh county, who was also a pioneer. They have reared five children, three girls and two boys, and now have one of the finest stock farms in Emmons county, the reward of many years of honest toil. Mr. Macdonald is something of a lodge man and has become a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Woodmen and Workmen, since

these orders have had lodges within his reach.

He served his county as county commissioner for seven years and for six years has been on the district school board. In 1902 he was elected to the senate from his district and was rewarded for faithful service by a re-election in the fall of 1906.



SENATOR JOHN KELLY

Hon. John Kelly of Bisbee, Towner county, North Dakota, was born in Montreal, Canada, June 9, 1863, of Irish parentage. He grew up in Montreal and received his education in the schools of that city. At the age of eighteen he moved to Dakota Territory and was one of the earliest settlers in Towner county. He first located at Bisbee and took up a claim which he has farmed since that time.

Mr. Kelly was married in 1888 to Miss Margaret Considine of Towner county and is the happy father of two children. He has attended to his business of farming strictly, taking very little interest in politics, although he has always supported the democratic nominee and has been a strong believer in the doctrines of that party. He was never elected to any public office until the fall of 1906, when he was urged by his neighbors to make the run for senator and was elected by a handsome majority.



JUDGE MORGAN

Hon. David E. Morgan, chief justice of the supreme court of North Dakota, was born near Pomeroy, Meigs county, Ohio. He removed with his parents to Sauk county, Wisconsin, when he was a child and was reared on a farm. He was educated in the common schools, at the Academy of Wisconsin and the normal school at Platteville. He gradu-

ated in 1873, and then took a special course at the Wisconsin State University one year. In the meantime he taught school one year at Ironton, Wisconsin, and was also principal of the Chilton schools one year. He was elected clerk of the circuit court of Sauk county and was re-elected to the same office and studied law with Judges Remington and Barker of Baraboo, Wisconsin, during the five years that he held such office, and resigned from that position in 1881. He was admitted to practice in 1880 and commenced the practice of law at Grand Forks. He went here with Hon. A. H. Noyes, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the two forming a partnership, which existed one year, when Mr. Morgan, in 1883, went to Devils Lake and established an office, and in September entered into partnership with Judge McGee, now of Minneapolis, and continued practicing and was elected states attorney of Ramsey county in 1884, and was re-elected to the same position in 1886. In 1889 he was elected the first district judge of that district and held the office until 1900 when he was nominated and elected to the supreme bench without opposition, and was re-elected in 1906.



JUDGE FISK

Judge Charles J. Fisk, late judge of the first judicial district, but recently elected a member of the supreme court, is one of the most prominent men in the state, and, although comparatively a young man, has gained the confidence of the people of the entire state. His career as a lawyer started in North Dakota, and he has ever been among the earnest workers for the advancement of the state and his fellowmen.

Our subject was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, March 11, 1862, and is a son of Clark S. and Adelia E. (Rey-

nolds) Fisk, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Vermont. His father was a farmer and removed from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1836, where he took up government land and resided there until his death. Our subject has one brother, Frank E. Fisk, a lawyer at Williston, North Dakota.

Charles J. Fisk was reared and educated in Illinois, and attended the Northern Illinois college at Fulton, after which he taught school and read law at Morrison, Illinois, in the office of Woodruff & Andrews. He came to North Dakota in 1886, and settled at Larimore, where he was admitted to the bar in 1886, and was associated with W. H. Fellows, deceased. He continued at Larimore until February 1, 1889, when he located at Grand Forks, and was associated with the late Judge Cochrane, Tracy R. Bangs and George A. Bangs, at different times. He was three times elected to the bench, and ably filled the office of judge of the first judicial district of North Dakota.

Judge Fisk was married in 1886 to Miss Ida M. Myers, who is also a native of Illinois. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisk, as follows: Helen and Doris. Mr. Fisk is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has filled minor offices in his profession, as city attorney, etc., and is widely known as a man of much influence for good in the community. He is a staunch democrat. On June 19, 1900, he was nominated for a second term by his own party, and June 23 was placed in nomination for the same office by the republican judicial convention. In 1904 he was renominated and re-elected to the same position. In 1906 he was nominated for supreme judge, on the democratic ticket, and was elected by a large majority, a circumstance which has never before occurred in the history of North Dakota.

JUDGE SPALDING

Hon. Burleigh F. Spalding was born in Orleans county, Vermont, December 3, 1853, and is a son of Rev. Benjamin P. and Ann (Folsom) Spalding, also natives of the Green Mountain state. As a Methodist Episcopal minister the father engaged in preaching in Vermont and New Hampshire for many years, but is now, living, retired, and with our subject, came to North Dakota in 1882. The paternal grandfather, Noah Spalding, was a school teacher of Vermont, and was a politician of some note, while the maternal grandfather, Rev. Moses Folsom, was a Free Baptist minister of New Hampshire and Vermont. The Folsom family was founded in the United States in 1638, the Spalding in 1619. Our subject has one brother and two sisters. The brother is now living in Salt Lake City, Utah. The elder sister lives in Traill county, and the younger is a professor in Pomona college, California. In his native state, Burleigh B. Spalding was reared and educated until he was eleven years of age, when he left home and for five years worked on farms in New Hampshire and Vermont for his board and clothes, and the privilege of attending school. At sixteen he engaged in clerking in a country store for forty-eight dollars per year, but later received seventy-two. For some time he worked at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and then attended the Lyndon Literary Institute, and later the Norwich University, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. Ph. in 1877. The following year he taught in an academy at Albany Vermont, and next read law for two years with Gleason & Field at Montpelier. He was admitted to the bar in Vermont, March 15, 1880. He served as clerk of the state legislature in 1878.

On the 31st of March, 1880, Mr. Spalding came to Fargo, North Dakota, and for two years was in partnership with

S. G. Roberts in the practice of law. Later he succeeded to the entire practice of the firm, and admitted Charles F. Templeton to a partnership. The connection continued for six and a half years, or until Mr. Templeton was appointed judge of the Grand Forks district. In 1891 George H. Phelps became a member of the firm, and in June, 1893, Mr. Newman was also taken in, but in 1897 Mr. Phelps retired, and business was then carried on under the name of Newman & Spalding until 1898, when Mr. W. S. Stambaugh was admitted to the firm, and the name was changed to Newman, Spalding & Stambaugh, and after the retirement of Mr. Newman it became Spalding & Stambaugh. This is one of the strongest law firms in the state, and they enjoy a large and lucrative practice.

On the 25th of November, 1880, Mr. Spalding was united in marriage with Miss Alida Baker, of Vermont, a daughter of David and Emily (Cutler) Baker, and by this union five children have been born, namely: Deane B., Frances F., Roscoe C., Burleigh M., and Carlton C.

Mr. Spalding organized the Merchants' State Bank of Fargo, which was organized as the Dakota Savings Bank, and reorganized in 1890. He served as its first president, and is quite prominent in business as well as in professional circles. During his residence in this state he has taken a very important part in public affairs, and is a recognized leader in political circles. He served as superintendent of public instruction from 1882 to 1884, and in 1883 was elected a member of the board of commissioners to relocate the capitol. In 1889 he was elected to the constitutional convention, served on the judicial, school and public lands committee, and was also a member of the joint committee to divide the archives and property of the



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states. In 1898 he was nominated and elected a member of congress over the fusion (democratic, populist and silver republican) candidate by a majority of 9,932 votes, and was re-elected in 1902, and served another two years. He has been a delegate to nearly all the state and territorial conventions of the republican party during his residence here, and in 1896 was chairman of the committee on resolutions. He was chairman of the republican state central committee in 1892, and was a member or the same for three years. In 1896 he was elected to the same position from Cass county, and has taken a prominent part in campaign work, being a strong and able debator and an orator of note. The latter part of January, 1907, he was appointed to the supreme bench to fill a vacancy. Socially he is deservedly popular, as he is affable and courteous in manner and possesses that essential qualification which makes success in public life.



ATTORNEY GENERAL McCUE

Hon. T. F. McCue was born in Elkader, Clayton county, Iowa, on February 9, 1866. After finishing high school he taught in the public schools for one year; then he entered the Northern Indiana College of Valparaiso, where he attended for three years, graduating from the legal department of that institution on May 29, 1889. On the first of August of the same year he moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa, opened up an office and commenced the practice of his chosen profession, where he continued to practice until the autumn of 1897, when he came to North Dakota, locating at Carrington in Foster county. Since coming to this state he has been continually engaged in the practice of law, and has built up a large, lucrative practice.

Mr. McCue was married at Emmetsburg on February 9, 1891, to Miss Eliza-

beth L. Morris. Their family consists of two boys, Leo F. and Harold M.

Mr. McCue has always taken an active part in politics, and until he was elected attorney general, he had never held public office, though on several occasions he was urged to accept the nomination for the office of states attorney of Foster county, but on account of his large practice he was compelled to decline.

He is the president of the Foster county State bank at Carrington and is closely identified with other business enterprises of that place.



CLERK OF SUPREME COURT HOSKINS

R. D. Hoskins, clerk of the supreme court was born in Southport, Conn., on October 3, 1861. He was educated at Allegheny college, Meadville, Pa., and worked at the printer's trade. In the spring of 1886 he moved to Dakota Territory, locating at Bathgate, Pembina county. He published the Bathgate Sentinel until 1887. He was admitted to the bar in 1888; practiced law in Pembina county until the fall of 1889 when he was appointed clerk on admission of North Dakota into the Union, which position he has since held. He married in 1884; three children; resided in Bismarck since statehood.



REPRESENTATIVE TOFSRUD

Hon. O. T. Tofsrud of Rugby is serving his third term in the legislative assembly, having served a term in 1895 when he was but twenty-nine years of age. At that time he was the youngest member of the lower house. Mr. Tofsrud was born on a farm in Norway, November 24, 1864. He came to Dakota Territory with his parents in

1882. They first settled at Portland and in 1883 the family moved to Church's Ferry, near which place his father took up land. He worked on the farm in the summer and attended school in the winter until 1885, when he moved to Pierce county, with the first settlers there, and took up a homestead.

He engaged in farming for several years and in 1892 was elected treasurer of Pierce county, which made it necessary for him to move to the county seat, Rugby. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to the legislature. Seeing a good business opening in Rugby, he in 1896 engaged in the general merchandise business there and conducted the business until the fall of 1906, when he sold the stock and rented the building to the firm of Roheier & McTavish. Most of his time during the years 1900 and 1901 were spent away from his business, he being employed as bookkeeper for a Great Northern construction gang in Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Mr. Tofsrud was married in 1899 to Miss Bagna Hiller, and they have four daughters. He has always been an enthusiastic republican worker and would have been honored many times by nominations by that party in his county, had he been willing to leave his business for public life. In the fall of 1904 he was persuaded to again be a candidate for member of the legislature and was elected. In the fall of 1906 he was re-elected to the same office and represents the thirty-fourth district for the third time this year.



REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

Thomas H. Pugh, who represents the fifth legislative district in the house of representatives, was born in Ontario, Canada, July 6, 1869, where he grew to manhood, and where his general education was acquired. After receiv-

ing his education in the Port Perry schools, he engaged in the profession of teaching for four years and then sought his fortune in the newer west, locating at Au Sable, Michigan, in 1888. He began the study of law at that place and after three years was duly admitted to practice in the supreme and circuit courts of that state. He formed a partnership for the practice of his profession with C. R. Henry, Esq., one of the leading members of the bar of northern Michigan, and from the time of the establishment of the partnership in 1892 until 1896, Mr. Pugh was actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Au Sable, where he had started as a student. He was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Taylor in August, 1896, and in July of the next year the young couple came to Larimore, North Dakota, where they began together the serious, though happy, battle of life. During his residence of nearly ten years in Larimore, Mr. Pugh has not only occupied a prominent position at the bar, but has been called by his neighbors and those who knew him best to serve them in positions of honor and trust. He has been city attorney of Larimore for the last four years, and has for some time past been a member of the school board. It was probably his fidelity to these trusts which caused the people of the fifth district to insist on electing him to the position which he now occupies in the law-making body of the state.

He is a hard and close student, a careful and logical thinker and a forceful and clear debater. Candid and frank in conceding the merits of the contention of an opponent, yet unflinching in defense of his own position.

He is intensely devoted to the interests of his adopted state and is a valiant champion of the rights of the people, though so conservative in his

views on these matters that his opinions command the undivided respect of even those who differ from him.

He has a delightful home at Larimore and the three bright children, who have come to gladden it with the sunshine of their smiles and to brighten it with their presence, with the cultured and refined wife and mother, make it the retreat for scores of friends who share the hospitality found beneath its roof.

As a member of the legislature Mr. Pugh took a prominent position among the conservative members of that body. His comprehensive knowledge of the law as well as his unerring judgment, caused him to be sought out as a counselor by those who were endeavoring to legislate in the interests of the people of the state. He is not spectacular, but prefers rather to be safe and right; and it is doubtful if many members will have more to do in the shaping of legislation than Thomas H. Pugh, the member of the house from the fifth legislative district.



REPRESENTATIVE FLAMER

Mr. Flamer comes to Bismarck from the ninth legislative district, of which Fargo forms the larger part. This district has always been fortunate in the excellent material which it has sent to the legislature and it is certain that Mr. Flamer will be no exception to the rule.

Mr. Flamer is a native of Norway, having been born in that far off land where the people are as steadfast for liberty as the granite mountains of their native land and from which some of the best citizens of North Dakota have come. He first saw the light of day in 1854, and in 1872, when but 18 years old, set his face across the sea in search for fortune and happiness,

which it has been his good fortune to find in North Dakota.

For eight years he worked on farms around Red Wing, Minn., until in 1880 his guiding star directed him to Fargo. For a time he was a grain buyer for Pillsbury & Hulbert, and then secured some land in Clay county not far from Moorhead, which he has farmed at long range ever since.

Twenty years ago he opened the Flamer house in Fargo and has been more or less in the hotel business in that city ever since, being now the proprietor of the Flamer house. He also has a number of other interests which take a good deal of his time, and has not only built up a snug fortune but also a long list of friends, to whom he is indebted for insisting that he run for the legislature, which of course meant his election. Mr. Flamer is not long on politics and has many times refused to be a candidate for this office or that which his friends thought would just fit him. He is a republican and undoubtedly will make an excellent member of the house. He is married and has four children.



REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

Clark Moore is a member of the house of representatives from the tenth district of Cass county, and is serving his second term in that capacity. Mr. Moore came from New Jersey to Gardner, N. D., in 1886, and is still residing there, where he owns one of the many fine farms for which Cass county is noted. He is married and has two daughters. Mr. Moore is a man of thrift and strict integrity, so much so that he has possessed the confidence of his neighbors for a long term of years. He has been clerk of Noble township in northern Cass county, for twelve years; has been president of the Far-



HON. I. J. FLAMER
HON. S. H. NELSON

HON. O. T. TOFSRUD

HON. THOS. H. PUGH
HON. CLARK MOORE

mers Elevator Co. at Gardner for a period of seven years and has held other similar positions of public trust in his community during his residence in this state. Two years ago his numerous friends urged him to enter a field of larger action and elected him as a member of the legislature. His record as a lawmaker proved an enviable one. He acquitted himself with no small amount of credit, and was re-elected last fall without opposition, a splendid indorsement of his career in public life.



REPRESENTATIVE S. H. NELSON

Hon. Steen H. Nelson was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin, in 1854, and was raised on a farm. He had a good common school education. He remained most of the time on the farm with his father, taking occasional trips out into the harvest fields of Minnesota and the lumbering woods of north Wisconsin until the spring of 1880. He then was married and started for South Dakota with a company of young men looking for new homes. They traveled through several counties of South Dakota and then came up the James river and crossed the country to Fargo, N. D., where they landed on the 8th of August, 1880. They worked around Fargo until the spring of 1881, when they came to what was then Griggs county, now Steele. It was along the time of the old county seat fights and finally, when Steele was made the county seat, Mr. Nelson had the honor of being one of the first three county commissioners elected by the people. The old Ordway gang being put out. He was county commissioner for five years and was elected county treasurer in 1894; also held some town offices all his life in North Dakota. He is a temperance man and believes in reform when it is

needed. He was elected last fall as a member of the house.



REPRESENTATIVE SORLIE

Hon. Oscar J. Sorlie was born a farmer's son at Hartland, Freeborn county, Minnesota, November 4, 1865. He attended the district school, the Decorah Business College and the Mankato Normal school. At the age of 17 he assumed a position as bookkeeper and clerk with a general merchant. In the spring of 1886 he came to North Dakota and was located at Hillsboro for nearly three years, after which he assumed a position as a traveling salesman, first for a gents' furnishings house and later with a shoe firm, a vocation which he followed for twelve years. In the capacity of a traveling salesman he visited every town in the state and enjoys an acquaintance all over the northwest. At present he is located at Buxton, in the northern part of Traill county, where he is engaged in farming and raising shorthorn cattle, and where he also operates a general store, quartered in a large two story brick block, erected by Mr. Sorlie some years ago. His father, who is still living on the old homestead in southern Minnesota, was a member of the now famous Fifteenth Wisconsin regiment from January, 1861, until he was wounded in the battle of Stone river. Politically Mr. Sorlie has always been an active republican, but has never accepted a public office, other than a township office, until last fall, when his constituents elected him to represent them in the lower branch of the tenth assembly of the legislature.



REPRESENTATIVE GIBBENS

Hon. Albert S. Gibbens, member of the house from the twenty-second legis-

lative district, is forty-eight years of age. He was born and reared on a farm near Barry, Pike county, Illinois. With such education as the country schools then furnished, supplemented by a course at the state normal at Kirksville, Missouri, he began teaching in the public schools. In the spring of 1882 he came to the territory of Dakota. In June of 1883 he located a squatter's claim on the then unsurveyed land of the Big Coulee in Towner county. He has passed through the hardships incidental to pioneering, at that time thirty miles from a railroad. By energy and industry he has secured and improved a choice tract of land of many sections in that garden spot of North Dakota. Farming is his only occupation. The home farm consists of sixteen hundred acres, together with several sections of state and school land recently purchased in the northern part of Towner county, which he is improving, keeps him busy.

He was elected to the house in 1904 as a republican by a good majority, and was re-elected last November by an increased majority.

He is married and has six children, the oldest three of whom are attending the Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota.



REPRESENTATIVE GARDEN

The gentleman who in part represents the county of Bottineau, which constitutes the twenty-eighth district, is Hon. E. L. Garden, who, thirty-two years ago, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa. He was educated in the Decorah institute after leaving the public schools. He came to North Dakota in 1899 and worked at his trade—that of a metal worker—for two years at Grand Forks and Hillsboro. In 1901 he opened a store and started in the hardware

business at Souris several months prior to the arrival of the railroad. His business sagacity suggested the idea of the town of Souris becoming a flourishing little city and a good trading point, and his conclusions have been justified. He later associated himself with his brother and brother-in-law. After the admission of these two gentlemen the business was broadened and included furniture. They also extended their business and now have branch stores at Lansford and Landa. In connection with their hardware and furniture they handle heating plants and do an extensive business in the heating and plumbing line.

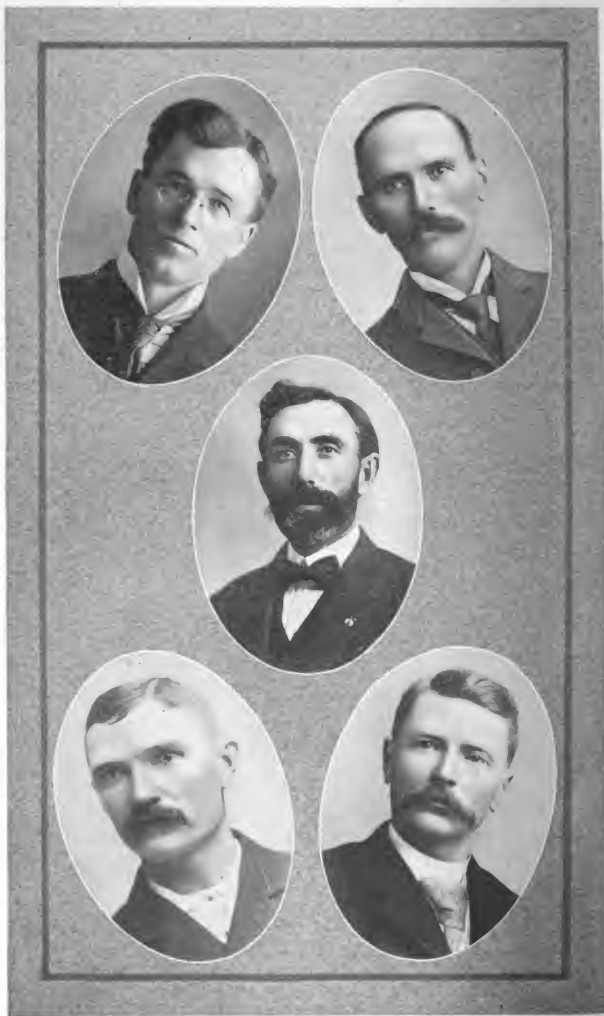
Mr. Garden is a republican and was elected last fall a member of the house. While he is comparatively a newcomer, he belongs to the new and hustling class of North Dakota's business men.



REPRESENTATIVE UELAND

Hon. L. A. Ueland, one of the most prominent democratic members of the tenth legislative assembly, was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, in August, 1855, of Scandinavian parentage. He lived on the farm with his parents in Vernon county until he was twenty years of age and was educated in the common schools of that county and in Decorah college, Decorah, Iowa. After leaving home he spent ten years in Webster county, Iowa, most of which time he engaged in farming.

In 1887 he came to Dakota Territory and took up a homestead near what is now the village of Edgeley. He has farmed his land there very successfully and invested his surplus in more land, and in banks and other business enterprises. He interested himself in the welfare of Edgeley and LaMoure counties and has been a leading spirit in many enterprises of benefit to the com-



HON. E. L. GARDEN
HON. FRED CARTER

HON. O. J. SORLIE

HON. A. S. GIBBENS
HON. L. A. UELAND

munity. In 1906 he took an active part in the organization of the Pamona Valley Telephone Company, which built and is operating a long line of rural telephones, and he was elected president of the company.

Mr. Ueland took an active interest in politics from the time he entered Dakota, affiliating with the democratic party. He was elected to the first legislative assembly of North Dakota in 1890, and was re-elected in 1892. In 1894 he was the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor and in 1902 he ran for congress on the same ticket, both times being defeated by the usual overwhelming republican majority in this state. In 1906 he was again elected a member of the legislature from his county.

Mr. Ueland is a practical farmer and a student of farming. He has been one of the foremost promoters of the welfare of the farming community of North Dakota, and has been a prominent member of the Grain Growers' Association since its first meeting. During the year 1901 he spent a good deal of time on the lecture platform attending the several farmers' institutes throughout the state.

Mr. Ueland was married at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in 1875, to Miss Hanna Hetland of Vernon county, that state, and is the proud father of ten children, three sons and seven daughters.



REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

Hon. Fred F. Carter is serving his first term in the legislature of North Dakota, but from present indications he will undoubtedly see more service in the state capitol, few members "catching on" more quickly to the multitudinous things which go to make a good working member of the house.

Mr. Carter is one of the older members of the house, having been born at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, July 3, 1850. Ten years later he removed to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he lived for forty years. He was educated in the common schools of his county and at the Cedar Valley seminary at Osage, Iowa.

He has followed the occupation of a farmer for many years, combining that business with grain buying, and has been very successful in both. In Minnesota he held a number of minor offices, but has never been classed as a politician and has no particular bent that way beyond the rightful interest which every earnest man should take in public affairs.

Attracted by the glowing accounts he had heard of the marvelous fertility of Ward county and the abundance of free land offered the homesteader by the government, in 1898 he moved his household to that small empire and established himself on a fine tract in township 162, range 90, where he has prospered amazingly. His postoffice is at Flaxton, one of the thriving towns near the international boundary.

Mr. Carter is a republican and a strong prohibitionist, and in favor of the strict enforcement of the law as it stands on the statute books.

He is of a most congenial disposition and readily makes friends, a faculty invaluable in a legislator, and it is safe to predict that his legislative career will be a credit to himself and his constituents.



REPRESENTATIVE PEAKE

This is Col. Peake's first experience as a legislator, but it is probably more because business pursuits rather than politics have engrossed his attention in

the many years he has been a resident of the state.

Born in Crow Wing, Minn., in the troublous time of 1861, when that section was on the very frontier of civilization, his first two years were spent amid the dangers and excitements of the great Indian massacre which affrighted the settlers of Minnesota.

He is the son of Rev. E. Steele Peake, in the early days Episcopal missionary to the Chippewa Indians, and afterward chaplain of the Twenty-eighth Wisconsin infantry for three years, and Mary (Parker) Peake.

In 1862, while the family was at Gull Lake, the Indian outbreak occurred, and they had to seek safety in a flight by night to Fort Ripley. While the father was in the war of the rebellion mother and son were in New York, but upon the close of the war the family settled in Austin and the next year saw them in California, where the subject of this sketch went to school. Later the family returned to Minnesota and young Peake attended the Shattuck military academy.

In 1881 Col. Peake located in Valley City and for a time clerked in a store and then became a bank clerk, later becoming its cashier.

In 1889 Col. Peake went into the real estate, loan and collection business in Valley City, in which he was very successful. Two years before that he had become interested in the coal mine at Lehigh with Mr. Brodie, and took an active part in the development of that property.

In 1904 Col. Peake became interested in copper mines at Butte, Mont., and last year carried through one of the largest mining deals of that region of big things.

In June, 1888, he married Miss Anne T. Hallister, and they now have six children.

From his boyhood days Col. Peake has been associated with the military. He had over five years of it at school and in 1885 became a member of the territorial national guard as first sergeant of the Valley City company. In 1889 he was captain of the company, in 1891 was promoted to major, in 1893 to lieutenant colonel, and in 1895 became colonel of the First Regiment, N. D. N. G., which position he now holds.

In the officeholding line Col. Peake was for many years a member of the Valley City normal school board. He is a public spirited man, an enthusiastic North Dakotan and withal a hustler of the hustlers, and as a member of the legislature will undoubtedly make as great a success as he has in his other undertakings.



REPRESENTATIVE MIDGARDEN

Hon. Gundar Midgarden was born in Norway in 1850, and came to the United States in 1872. He located in the state of Wisconsin and then moved to Mitchell county, Iowa, in 1874. He came to the state of North Dakota in 1879, took up land in Walsh county and has been a resident of that county up to date. He has held several township offices, and has offices in the church to which he belongs. He has been a trustee of the institution for feeble minded at Grafton, North Dakota, was elected to the house of representatives in 1903, 1905 and 1907. He is a widower and has three children. His business is farming and real estate. He is president of the Dundee-Walsh County Mutual Insurance Co., and has held that position for the past eight years.

Mr. Midgarden is one of the progressive men in his county and few men are held in higher esteem. He enjoys in a large degree the confidence and respect of the voters of his district as is shown



HON. JOHANN SCHLENKER
HON. NILS HEMMINGSEN

COL. A. P. PEAKE

HON. G. N. MIDGARDEN
HON. O. P. N. ANDERSON

by his being sent three times to the legislature. He is an honest and conscientious man and has pronounced views on public questions and has the courage of his convictions and is not afraid to declare his views from the house top. Such men make wise and conservative legislators.



REPRESENTATIVE SCHLENKER

Johann Schlenker of Goodrich, North Dakota, a representative from the thirty-fifth district, is a Russian by birth, and spent the first thirty-two years of his life in that country. He was born May 21, 1846, in the southern part of Russia and lived there on a farm until 1878, when he and his wife and three children, in company with twenty-four other families, came to America and located in Hutchinson county, Dakota Territory. They took up a homestead and a timber claim there and he and his wife built their first house and barn of prairie mud.

He lived there for twenty-four years, suffering many hardships and numerous privations until the country became older and more thickly settled. He sold out his farm in 1902 and moved to the little village of Goodrich, in McLean county, North Dakota, where he engaged in the general merchandise business. He also bought a large tract of land in McLean county and now owns an 1,800 acre stock farm. He retired from business life in 1906, the only business enterprise he is now interested in, besides his farm, being the First State bank of Goodrich, of which he is a director.

Mr. Schlenker is a republican in politics. During the time he lived in South Dakota he held several minor offices, including assessor, and for six years was a member of the board of county commissioners of his county. In the fall

of 1904, two years after he had moved to Goodrich, he was elected to the legislature from the thirty-fifth district and in 1906 he was re-elected with little opposition.



REPRESENTATIVE O. P. N. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson is a member of the legislature from the twenty-first district in Ramsey county, being a member of the house of representatives. His post-office is Starkweather. He is a republican.

Mr. Anderson was born in April, 1872, at Albert Lea, Minn., and there received his early education, finally graduating from college in 1890.

In the summer of 1890 Mr. Anderson located in Ramsey county and began teaching school, which profession he followed for a number of years, finally turning his attention to farming and then combined it with the mercantile business in Starkweather, in which he has been signally successful. He is at the present time the owner and operator of three fine farms near Starkweather, in a section of the state which is noted for its fertility and progressive people, and is known as one of the most progressive and up to date citizens of Ramsey county.

While this is the first state office held by Mr. Anderson, he has for the past twelve years held many of the local offices, having been township clerk, school clerk, president of the board of education, president of the village board of trustees three terms, etc.

Mr. Anderson has already taken a prominent place in the house of the legislature of which he is a member, being chairman of the committee on state affairs, and a member of the following important committees: Appropriations, education, apportionment, fed-

eral relations and joint committee on penal institutions.

He is an earnest worker in all matters to which he gives his attention, and will therefore be an invaluable member of the house for his district. Of personal popularity, he is sure to gain many friends as he progresses in his political career, and his intimate friends predict all kinds of good things for him in the future.



REPRESENTATIVE HEMMINGSEN

Hon. Nels Hemmingsen is another staunch republican who is a member of the house of representatives. He represents the sixteenth district, Steele and Griggs counties, and lives near Hannaford. Mr. Hemmingsen was born in Denmark sixty-one years ago. He is a widower with one child. In the year 1882 he came to North Dakota from Michigan, and since that time has become a prominent North Dakota farmer. Mr. Hemmingsen was county commissioner of Griggs county for twelve years, he has been chairman of the board of supervisors of Greenfield township in his county for six years. He was also school treasurer of Hannaford and township clerk of Greenfield for six years. He is now rounding out his second term as a member of the legislature, his constituents first electing him in 1904.



REPRESENTATIVE ROSE! ☐

Mr. Rose is one of the oldest members of the house in point of service, this being his fourth term, all of which shows that his people have an excellent opinion of the good work he has done for them. He has always been one of the lively hustlers for Dickey county and the fact that men have come and

men have gone while George came along regularly would indicate that his constituents are fully satisfied that he is the right man in the right place.

Mr. Rose was born in Illinois forty-five years ago, but has been a resident of Dickey county and Ellendale for many years. He is a farmer by profession and has some of the finest acres in that fertile section.

He is a widower with six children, his wife having died about a year and a half ago. He is an ardent republican and has been identified with Dickey county politics for many years and of course has held many of the offices which every progressive farmer is called upon to serve in the management of the schools and township.

Mr. Rose has many friends in both houses and has been instrumental in securing things for the good of his district and city and can be depended upon by his people to continue in the good work.



REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN

In Illinois and in March, 1850, W. E. Martin, of Morton county, first saw the light of day and almost from that time to the present his life has been full of ups and downs which have made it interesting to him, and made him think he could fill a first rate novel. When twelve years of age he removed to Missouri with his parents and grew to manhood there. Being of a somewhat roving and strenuous disposition in those days he went to Texas and from there to Colorado and then to Wyoming, most of the time following the delectable occupation of cowpuncher and gaining an insight into the stock business which in later life has stood him in good stead, he now being a farmer, cattleman and horse breeder, his ranch being twenty miles south of Mandan.

From Wyoming Mr. Martin drifted into North Dakota in 1881 and finally located in the cattle raising line in Morton county, which section he has known as his home ever since. He is now one of the raisers of fine horses in the state. He has served as deputy sheriff and deputy United States marshal, in both of which positions he acquitted himself well. He was married in 1873 and has eight children. He is a republican and his postoffice address is Mandan.

Mr. Martin is on some of the most important committees of the house, being a member of the following: Appropriations, public health, state affairs, federal relations and joint committee on charitable institutions.

Mr. Martin promised before the election that if he was elected he would call a convention for the purpose of learning just what his constituents wanted him to do in the legislature. This convention was largely attended and Mr. Martin is in no doubt as to just what his people want and is loaded to get it if it is in his power. His off hand bluntness has made him a rather marked character in the house and it is safe to say "Old Bill Martin" has made many friends and will do all that any man can do for his constituents.



REPRESENTATIVE GRAHAM

The subject of this sketch, Hon. A. O. Graham, was born about thirty miles west of Toronto in Halton county, Ontario, November 15, 1858. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Graham was raised on the farm and received a common school education. In August, 1881, he went to Rapid City, Man., and engaged in farming for about four years. In February, 1886, he settled on government land at Island Lake, in Rolette county. In 1890 he was elected county

auditor on the republican ticket and held the office continuously until April 1, 1905. He was married to Miss Robina E. Shanks, of Rapid City, in June, 1892. He was president of the board of trustees of Rolla in 1895 and was appointed United States commissioner by Judge Amidon in February, 1903. Mr. Graham has been editor and proprietor of the Rolette County Herald since 1904 and resides at Rolla. He owns 880 acres of land in Rolette county, 600 acres of which are under cultivation. Mr. Graham is a republican and as such was chosen a member of the tenth legislative session.

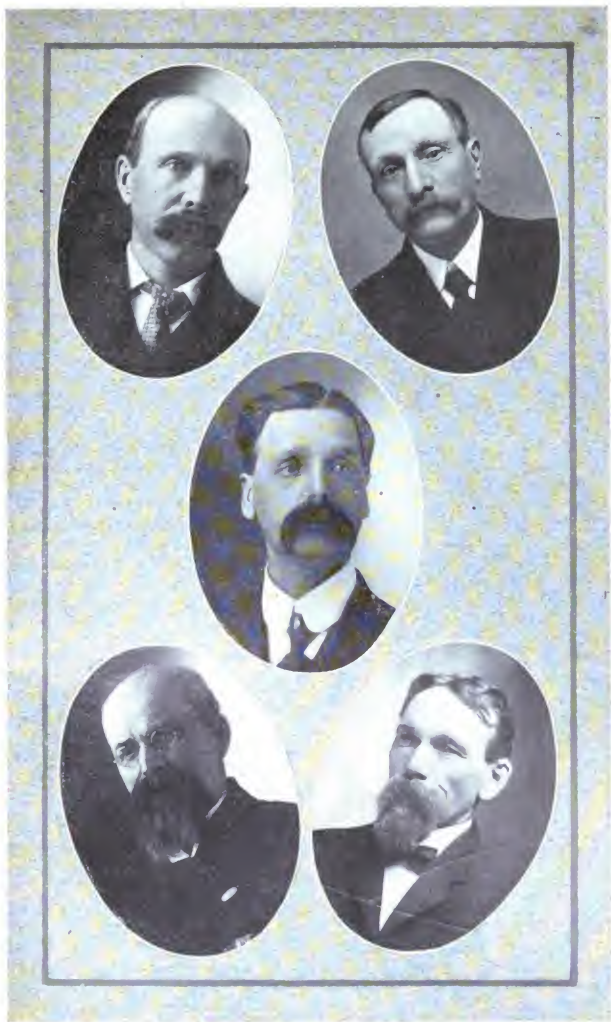


REPRESENTATIVE THORESON

Hon. Martin Thoreson of Fingal, Barnes county, North Dakota is representing the thirty-eighth district in the house for the second time. Mr. Thoreson was born in Christiana, Norway, February 12, 1856. He was reared and educated in that country and on reaching his majority engaged in the mercantile business in Christiana. Believing that America offered better opportunities than the old country he migrated to this country in 1883 with his wife and two small children.

He located in Barnes county, near the postoffice of Daly, and took up an eighty acre homestead. This postoffice was changed to Fingal. He has lived on a farm in the same locality ever since and now owns 1,200 acres of land, which he farms by modern methods. He is also a director in the First National bank of Fingal. He has four children all full grown.

Mr. Thoreson is a republican and was elected to the house on the republican ticket in the fall of 1904, and again in 1906. During his residence in Barnes county he has held nearly all the township offices at various times and has



HON. A. O. GRAHAM
HON. J. MORIN

HON. GEO. ROSE

HON. W. E. MARTIN
HON. MARTIN THORESEN

been clerk of the school district in which he resides for the past fifteen years.



REPRESENTATIVE MORIN

Pembina sends an excellent representative to the legislature in the person of Mr. Joseph Morin of Neche, that famous region of statesmen and good fellows.

Born at Quebec in 1848, at the age of 16 Mr. Morin set out to seek his fortune in the far west, as it was then considered, and located in Wisconsin. After working at various things in the neighborhood he concluded to transfer the scene of his activities to Michigan, where he tried a long list of things to earn a living, until finally he got the "Dakota fever" and landed in Pembina county with just \$5 in his pocket.

Safely landed in the land of promise he lost no time in getting to work and soon had enough money to pay the filing fee on the homestead he had taken. He now farm 650 acres, every bit of it under cultivation and is on what is commonly known as "easy street."

In addition to raising grain Mr. Morin is a large dealer in live stock and is a shipper of grain as well. He has also been a thresherman for the past fifteen years and much of the grain shipped from his part of the country has passed through his machines.

Mr. Morin has been a member of the local school board for the past twenty-five years, has served many times on the township board and has been a county commissioner. The fact that he, a democrat, was elected in a republican district, shows the high estimation in which he is held by his neighbors. He is married and has twelve children, seven grown boys and five girls.

He is rapidly getting his legislative bearings and is sure to make an excellent representative for not only the district but for the state.

REPRESENTATIVE MOCKLER

Hon. Thomas R. Mockler was born in Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa, May 13, 1862. At the age of nine years his parents removed to a farm where he had the usual experiences of a farm lad. Later, in the year 1880, his folks removed to Shelby county, where the occupation of farming was continued. His early education was obtained in the district schools of his neighborhood; later he attended the Manning high school. He taught several very successful terms of school in that county and afterwards attended the Shenandoah college and the state university, graduating from the law school of the latter institution.

In June, 1891, he opened a law office at Harlan, the county seat of Shelby county, and the following year was elected to the office of states attorney, which office he held for two terms, after which he continued the practice of law at that place, building up an extensive and lucrative business. In the year 1892 Mr. Mockler was married to Miss Julia Franklin, of Harlan, Iowa, and they have two boys, one thirteen and the other nine years of age, who are enjoying the benefits of the public schools of Bismarck.

In the fall of 1903 Mr. Mockler came to Bismarck and opened a law office, and the people soon recognized him as a lawyer of excellent worth. He is now considered one of the ablest lawyers of the state and his business has grown rapidly, necessitating the taking in of a partner during the last year. His law office is one of the best equipped in the state and presents a scene of busy industry.

For the past two years he has been and still is a member of the board of education of the city of Bismarck.

As a public speaker he has great oratorical ability and never fails to carry conviction and admiration when he

talks to an audience. During the few years he has been a resident here he has become well and favorably known throughout the county and state, and in the spring of 1906 he received the nomination for representative to the legislature from the twenty-seventh district without an opposing vote and was elected by a handsome majority. As a legislator he is coming to be considered as one of the strong men of that assembly, and his opinions on matters of public interest are always found to be filled with sound judgment and farseeing worth. In all matters he is a firm believer that submission to the people of all questions is the popular idea of government.

Mr. Mockler is a good business man, a hard worker and certainly has reason to feel proud of the success he has had since coming to the state.

The Mockler family have one of the most beautiful homes in the city of Bismarck, situated on upper Sixth street.



REPRESENTATIVE STAVENS

Hon. G. H. Stavens is a member of the house of representatives from the sixteenth district, composed of Steele and Griggs counties. He comes from the north end of the district and lives near Hatton. Mr. Stavens was born in Norway and is 51 years of age. He is married and has five children. He came to North Dakota from Iowa in 1876, and is one of the substantial farmers of this state. He has held various township and school district offices for a long term of years, and is now serving his constituents for the third time as a member of the house, having been first elected as a member of the assembly in 1902.



REPRESENTATIVE MATHEWS

Hon. Henry E. Mathews, of Wiprud, North Dakota, member of the house

from the thirty-fifth district, is a brother of Hon. G. A. Mathews, of Brookings, South Dakota, who was speaker of the upper house of the Dakota assembly twenty years ago this winter, and who was the last delegate to congress elected from Dakota Territory.

Mr. Mathews was born in Stockholm, New York, in 1861, and was reared on a farm in Fayette county, Iowa, to which county his parents moved when he was but four years old. He was educated in the common schools of Fayette county and completed his education in a business college. In 1885 he moved to Dakota Territory, locating in Brookings county, where, until the year 1902, he devoted himself to farming and stock raising.

In 1902 he came to North Dakota and took up a homestead in McLean county, where he still lives. He has a large farm and is an extensive breeder of good stock.

Mr. Mathews is a republican in politics but was never a candidate for any important office until the fall of 1905 when he was elected on the republican ticket as a member of the tenth legislative assembly of North Dakota from the thirty-fifth district. While in South Dakota he held numerous township offices, but never aspired higher.

He was married in April, 1890, to Miss Emily Brown, of Elkton, South Dakota, and is the father of six children, three girls and three boys.



REPRESENTATIVE WELFORD

Pembina county has always been fortunate in the excellent material of which her delegation in the legislature has been made, and the present members of the house from that county are not at all behind their predecessors. Among the present members from Pembina county is Walter Welford, whose post office is Neche. Mr. Welford is



HON. H. E. MATHEWS
HON. GEO. HALICK

HON. T. R. MOCKLER

HON. G. H. STAVENS
HON. W. WELFORD

making his first try at state law making, but has kept an eye open and is already pretty familiar with the ropes and undoubtedly will take a prominent place in the deliberations of the body of which he is a member.

He was born in England in 1869 and came across the water with his parents ten years later and located in Pembina township, Pembina county, where he got his schooling and learned the rudiments of farming on his father's broad acres. In due time he acquired a quarter section of his own and a wife, and began life in earnest.

Mr. Welford never does anything by halves and went at the problem of life with a determination to wrest from the rich soil of the Red river valley the gold which lies ready to hand of the industrious worker. That he has succeeded is evidenced from the fact that he now farms 900 acres, six miles west of Pembina city, and is entitled to praise from the fact that this land and the high estimation in which he is held by his neighbors is all due to his own efforts. He is a democrat, and the fact that he carried the election in a republican district is much to his credit.



REPRESENTATIVE HALLICK

Among the new members of the house, as well as among the increasing number of democrats in that body, is George Hallick, who was elected in the sixth legislative district in the last election and who is now serving as a member of the law making body of the state. Mr. Hallick is one of the descendants of those hardy Norsemen who have, by their energy and endurance, converted the wilderness of the northwest into one great field of waving grain, whose wealth is greater than the mines of Ethiopia. He was born at

Kongsberg, Norway, in 1851, and was brought to this country when a child two years of age. His parents first settled in Wisconsin, and here Mr. Hallick grew to manhood and acquired his education in the public schools, along with that more important development of integrity, honesty and industry which has made him a man of prominence even when filling his chosen occupation as a successful tiller of the soil. He came to Grand Forks county in 1877, when that was the western frontier, and when those who risked their all in a venture into the then largely untried regions of the northwest, were indeed heroes. He became a farmer and since that time he has devoted his time and energy to that line of work, and in a few years, measured by the span of a lifetime, that he has been so engaged, has accumulated a comfortable fortune and has constructed a home in which every luxury and refinement is found.

He has never been a politician in the sense of seeking public position, though he has been for many years an active and valuable member of the township and school official force. He has never in these positions shirked a duty, however disagreeable, nor sought to do other than right because it was popular. When his party friends began to search for a candidate who would be able to carry his district against considerable odds, nothing was more natural than that they should unanimously choose Mr. Hallick. As in all his other public acts, he has never shirked a duty or refused a responsibility, he accepted the demand and made a fight which, while filed with the clash of parties, left not a single scar or an unpleasant remembrance.

Mr. Hallick is a man who will be found doing his work in the law making body of the state quietly and diligently, and while he may not be one of

the leaders on the floor, he will be found where the real work of the legislature is done—in the committees in the shaping and formation of legislation—doing far more than his share.

As a farmer he knows the needs and interests of that immense body of the citizens of the state, and his influence and power will be felt in the legislation which will be enacted in behalf of that class of our people, and he can be credited with much of legislation which will come as a benefit to the farmers of the state.



REPRESENTATIVE A. L. MARTIN

Mr. Martin is one of the many men in the Dakotas who came to this region in the employ of the railroad and worked faithfully for his company until his good sense told him it was time to start out for himself. He was for several years an operator and station agent of the Northern Pacific at points between St. Paul and Billings, in the meantime buying up a few head of cattle at a time until he was sufficiently established in this line to cut away from a salaried position and start on his own account. The wisdom of this course is amply shown in the large holdings of cattle, sheep and horses which he now has and his many interests in banks and mercantile pursuits, in and around Sentinel Butte, his home.

Mr. Martin was born at LaCrosse, Wis., and is 37 years old. He is married and has one child. He is an ardent republican, as every owner of sheep naturally is.

The selection of the western part of Billings county by Mr. Martin as the field of his activities amply exemplifies the good judgment of the man. Buying thousands of acres a few years ago for a mere song he has not only sold them at a handsome profit, but has been

instrumental in settling up that section with a fine class of farmers, where a few years ago the cattle roamed undisturbed over the entire domain and fed on grasses which the cattle baron said was the only thing which would grow in that part of the state. In contradiction of this statement is the prosperity of the farmers who have made their home there and the fact that last fall the exhibit of grain from that region at the state capitol won first prize in competition with the entire state.

Mr. Martin is one of the bright, sunny dispositioned men whom it is a pleasure to know and it is no wonder that he was returned to the legislature last fall without opposition; in fact, he had none when he ran two years ago. He was an active member of all the committees on which he served. He is a member of the Valley City Normal board of trustees and is a good man wherever placed.



REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

Hon. Will Freeman, of Maxbass, North Dakota, member of the house of representatives from the twenty-eighth district, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, May 30, 1861. When he was four years of age his parents left the New York farm and moved to St. Croix county, Wisconsin, where they lived on a farm until 1877. In that year they moved to what was then the very small town of Grand Forks in Dakota Territory, where the elder Freeman engaged in the blacksmithing trade. The subject of our sketch received a common school education in the schools of St. Croix county and in Grand Forks and completed his education in the state normal school at River Falls, Wisconsin. In 1881 the family moved to the little town of Thompson and after completing his



HON. T. O. BURGUM
HON. JAMES DUNCAN

HON. A. L. MARTIN

HON. WILL FREEMAN
HON. L. PARKHILL

education he was employed on a farm near Thompson until 1891, when he moved to Argusville, Cass county, and entered the employ of the Minneapolis & Northern Elevator company. He remained in the employ of that company until 1902, when he moved to Maxbass, a new town in Bottineau county, and engaged in the general merchandise business. He still lives in the latter town and has built up a successful business in a few years.

Mr. Freeman was married in November, 1883, to Miss Genie Harris, of Dwight, Ill., and has two daughters, one a teacher in the Grand Forks central school and the other attending the normal school at River Falls, Wisconsin, from which her father graduated.

Mr. Freeman has been a life long republican. The county in which he was born in New York, is said to have never gone democratic, and it is said that in the time of the civil war the government never resorted to draft in that county, the number of volunteers always equaling the demand. He never held a public office of importance until he was elected in 1906 to the tenth legislative assembly of North Dakota.



REPRESENTATIVE BURGUM

Hon. Tom Owen Burgum of Page, North Dakota, member of the house of representatives from the eleventh district, is an Englishman by birth. He was born in England June 15, 1802, and came to this country with his parents in the fall of 1872. The family first located in this country on a farm in Montgomery county, Iowa, where they remained until in March, 1882, when the western fever brought them to Dakota Territory. He located on a farm in Cass county, near Arthur, and has remained there since coming to the state. In 1884 he took up a tree claim

in McLean county and for ten years he operated a stock ranch in that county, although he made his home on his Cass county farm. Since selling his stock ranch he has devoted his entire attention to the Cass county farm.

Mr. Burgum has twice been married. His first wife, Miss Maggie Ranard, to whom he was married in 1886, died in 1892, leaving him two sons who are now full grown. He was married again in November, 1896, to Miss Marie Gilles of Fargo, and they have two little daughters.

Mr. Burgum is a republican in politics, and has been an active politician in his county for a number of years. He has held a number of township offices in his township and was elected to the legislature in 1904. In 1906 he was re-elected with little opposition.



REPRESENTATIVE PARKHILL

Hon. Lafayette Parkhill of Fairmount, N. D., was born on a farm in Portage county, Wisconsin, July 6, 1865, of Scotch and English parentage. He was one of eight children. He was reared on the farm and received a common school education in the schools of his home county. In 1882 he moved to Dakota Territory, locating near where the village of Fairmount now stands, and for several years worked on the farm of a brother who had preceded him and who had taken up a homestead. Occasionally he worked at manual labor in the village. Later his brother died and he purchased the farm of the heirs. He has been successfully engaged in farming since then and now owns a half section.

He was married in 1899 at Fairmount to Miss Bessie Clark, and is the father of two children.

He has always been active in local politics, affiliating with the democratic

party, and during his life at Fairmount has held numerous township offices. He was a candidate for the legislature from the twelfth district in 1904, but was defeated. In 1906 he was again a candidate for the same office and was elected by a good majority.



REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN

This is Mr. Duncan's second experience in the state legislature, he having been a member of the last house from the twentieth district, comprising Benson county, where his postoffice is Josephine. He is a republican.

Mr. Duncan was born in Scotland fifty-one years ago and came to Minnesota when quite young, so he may be said to have grown up with the country. He came to Dakota Territory in 1881 and took up land in Benson county, upon which he has since resided, in the meantime accumulating other broad acres to his holdings. He is married and has four children. He has run the gamut of holding local offices for the past fifteen years and is therefore perfectly familiar with the needs of the farmers and rural governmental affairs.

In the last house he secured the passage of a bill for dipping stations which has been of great benefit in many sections of the state. He was a member of the ways and means committee and the live stock committee, in the latter of which he was greatly interested and did good service for those interested in that industry.

Mr. Duncan is a careful, conservative man and is looking carefully after the interests of his constituency, and withal a pleasant man to meet, and one who makes friends easily—and holds them—an excellent quality in a legislator.

REPRESENTATIVE TREAT

Hon. John F. Treat is a Cass county member of the house of representatives from the ninth district, city of Fargo. He was born in Geauga county, Ohio, September 11, 1861. He was educated at Grand River Institute, Austinburgh, Ohio. He came to North Dakota in March, 1882, was married the same year and has two children. By profession he is state agent for the Germania Life Insurance company. He is illustrious Potentate of El Zagal Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., is a very popular and capable man. He has always been a staunch republican and in 1904 was elected a member of the legislature and was re-elected last election.



REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Mr. Miller, one of the bright representatives from Ramsey county, was born in Douglas county, Minn., in 1873, where he lived and went through the usual life of a boy until his twenty-first year. He then went to South Dakota and fluctuated about for three years before he satisfied himself that North Dakota was the land of promise he had been looking for. As a consequence he located in Crary and engaged in the implement business, in the firm of Miller & Reuten, and has since built up a large and lucrative business.

In addition to engaging in trade Mr. Miller found time to take a homestead and in due time proved up on it. A railroad came along past his farm home and the town of Hampton sprang up as a next door neighbor, making his land exceedingly valuable. In addition to this he owns considerable other land, much of which is under cultivation and rented out.

Mr. Miller has held a number of township offices but this is the first time he has been called upon to help make



HON. BERNT ANDERSON
HON. H. G. HOSFORD

HON. J. FRANK TREAT

HON. M. A. MILLER
HON. J. R. COLLINS

laws, and from present indications he is going to succeed in this as he has done in his private business. He is married and has five children. Mr. Miller is a republican.



REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSON

Ramsey county is in a fair way with getting her two Andersons mixed in the present session of the legislature, but the personality of the two men will probably make each stand out distinctly upon his own merits.

Hon. Bernt Anderson, the subject of this sketch, was born in Norway, the land of the midnight sun, that land where from earliest times its sons set forth in quest of new lands to conquer, among them being Eric, the Bold, whom some claim established the colony of Vineland on the shores of Massachusetts centuries before the Anglo Saxon's foot touched Plymouth Rock.

He first came into the world on the 22d day of December, 1861. When 19 years old he came to Minnesota, where he spent three years and then located in Ramsey county, which was then so new that he had to squat on his homestead, because the land was not yet surveyed. The vicinity of Churchs Ferry was then a rather deserted looking section and the nearest railroad was hundreds of miles away, but young Anderson had faith to believe that so fertile a land would not long be without means of transportation and the sequel showed he was not wrong, and in due time the steam horse passed his door. He has seen the prairie change from solitude to become dotted with the homes of the thrifty farmer, and year after year the golden harvests have brought comfort and luxuries to take the place of dough bread and fried pork of the early squatters. Like one of the distinguished members of the house from Pembina

county, Mr. Anderson has nine children and nine quarter sections, and feels that the early struggles, so ably shared by the good wife, have not been in vain. Mr. Anderson is a republican. His post office is Churchs Ferry.



REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS

Hon. James F. Collins is a member of the house of representatives from the eleventh district of Cass county. He was born in Moore county, Minnesota, in 1865. He is married and has four children. For a number of years he lived in South Dakota, moving to this state in the year 1888. He located at Page, in the northern part of Cass county. He immediately engaged in business there and had much to do with building up the little city which he chose for his home. His business ventures proved a complete success and he is considered one of the leading and influential men of his community. Recently he disposed of his business interests and is devoting his attention to farming. Mr. Collins has held various township and school offices, but while he has always been an active worker for the republican party he has always avoided accepting an office until last fall, when he was elected by the people of his district as a member of the tenth legislative assembly.



REPRESENTATIVE HOSFORD

Mr. Hosford was born March 3, 1845, at Moira, Franklin county, N. Y.

In 1853 he came to Iowa with his parents and when the war of the rebellion broke out promptly enlisted and served with the Forty-sixth Iowa infantry in Company D.

In 1882 he settled on a farm in Walsh county near Park River, upon

which he still lives. When he came to that region there were no railroads within many miles and it required pluck to settle down where the neighbors could only be discerned with a strong field glass, so distant were they from one another. But Mr. Hosford has lived to see every inch of land in that fertile section settled upon by a progressive farmer and railroads pass him on most every side. One by one the quarter sections have come under his hand until he is now in comfortable circumstances and has no regrets that his lines have been cast in such a productive region and in such pleasant places.

Mr. Hosford is married. This is his first important office, but like most of the other members of the legislature, he has held many of the local offices. He is a republican, a wide awake business man and well equipped with mental acumen to make good in the trust imposed in him by his constituents.



REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY

The subject of this sketch was born at Golden City, Colorado, on July 27, 1876. At the age of six years he moved to Denver with his parents, where they resided for about four years and then located in Minnesota. Mr. Murphy received his education in the schools of Minnesota until 1896, when he went to Valparaiso, Indiana, and in 1897 graduated from the Northern Indiana Normal school. Later he went to Chicago, where he was employed in the wholesale and retail drug stores of that city for some time and afterwards went to Milwaukee and then to St. Paul and Minneapolis where he was engaged in the same capacity until coming to Courtenay in January, 1900, where he has assisted in promoting every public enterprise of any moment since. When he went to Courtenay he engaged in the

drug business, purchasing the business of Dr. A. W. Macdonald. Young and full of energy and enterprise, he foresaw a remarkable future for this section of the state, and at the first opportunity bought land and in this, as well as in the conduct of his drug business, he has been eminently successful. Starting the drug business in a small way, he never lost an opportunity to make improvements and additions to the business until he had one of the most elegant and up to date stores in the entire northwest. He retired from the drug business September 1, 1906, selling the same.

Mr. Murphy has just completed a fine residence on fifth avenue. This is also a model of elegance combined with convenience and comfort and was built at a cost of about \$5,000.

Mr. Murphy was married in August, 1900, to Miss Lottie Baum of Valparaiso, Indiana, and they have one bright little boy who is the light of their home.

While he has been busily engaged in attending to his drug and land business he also finds time to look after the affairs of this section of the county, being the able and efficient county commissioner for his district. He has shown remarkable enterprise and energy in the conduct of the affairs of the county that has characterized the conduct of his own business and the people are highly pleased with his administration and strict attention to their interests.

He now is the owner of quite a little land in the vicinity and his profits in the sale and conduct of his farms have been very satisfactory and his faith in North Dakota has been justified by results.



REPRESENTATIVE CRAWFORD

A man that has made a success in his private affairs after starting with

nothing, ought to have the acumen of a good legislator. Such a man is Joseph Crawford of Langdon, one of the representatives from the eighteenth district.

Mr. Crawford was born in Glengarry, Canada, 52 years ago. He grew to manhood in his birthplace and engaged in trade, after having earned the capital therefor by good hard work.

In 1887 he moved to Langdon and opened a general store, which he successfully conducted for nine years. During this period he secured a homestead, proved up on it and thereafter acquired more land, until he is now farming two sections in addition to conducting his other business affairs. Among his other acquirements in his younger days was that of millwright, so it was quite natural that he should recognize the need of a flour mill at Langdon, and proceeded to supply the need. As a result in 1897 he sold out his mercantile interests and built a fine mill, to which he has since devoted the larger part of his time. This is one of the best equipped mills in the state and the grade of flour produced ranks with that of the famous Minneapolis product, an evidence of this being the fact that Mr. Crawford was awarded a bronze medal by the Pan-American exposition for a sample of his ordinary run of flour which he had taken no particular pains to produce beyond that care usual with all his manufacture. He naturally feels proud of this medal after winning it in competition with not only the mills of this but of other states.

Mr. Crawford has held many local offices of one kind and another, but this is the first time he has held an office which carried him away from his county. Painstaking in all he does, it will follow that he will make an excel-

lent member of the legislature and that his vote will be found recorded for all the measures best calculated for the good of the state, as his large experience in affairs makes him conversant with many county and state needs.



REPRESENTATIVE WALKER

Hon. Andrew Walker, of Dundee, Walsh county, representative from the third district, is a farmer by occupation. Mr. Walker was born in Norway in 1848, and came to America in 1867, locating in Minnesota. He came to the Red River valley in 1879 and was for a number of years bookkeeper for the implement firm of J. A. Johnson Co., Fargo, the head of which was the present mayor of that city. He settled in western Walsh county in 1883, locating on government land, where he has ever since resided, successfully engaged in farming. He was one of the pioneers in that section. Mr. Walker has been chairman of the board of supervisors of Dundee township most of the time since the township was organized. He is at present clerk of the township. He is farming a half section of land and has a beautiful farm home. Mr. Walker has been secretary-treasurer and active manager for the past six years of the Dundee Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, which has now over eleven hundred policy holders, and is carrying risks to the amount of over a million and a half dollars. Mr. Walker is a democrat and was elected to the house of representatives from a republican district without making any canvass whatever, simply consenting to go on the ticket at the request of the county central committee to fill the gap. He has a family of seven children.



HON. A. H. WALKER
HON. JOHN STOREY

HON. H. J. MURPHY

HON. JOSEPH CRAWFORD
HON. A. A. PLATH

REPRESENTATIVE PLATH

Hon. August A. Plath, a member of the house of representatives from the eleventh district, is one of Cass county's substantial farmers who reached success early in life. Mr. Plath was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, in 1867, and has lived in North Dakota since the year 1878. While he is comparatively a young man in years he takes pride in being numbered among the pioneers of the state. In the year 1878 Mr. Plath came from Wisconsin to North Dakota and has followed farming practically all his life. He was united in marriage in 1894 to Miss Jessie Butterfield and three children grace their home. Mr. Plath has an exceptionally fine farm in Davenport township of Cass county. He has always been an ardent republican and is held in high esteem by the people of his county. He has held various township and school offices in his township and was elected last fall as a member of the house of representatives for the tenth legislative assembly.

**REPRESENTATIVE STOREY**

John Storey was born fifty-one years ago in County Antrim, north of Ireland, his parents being freeholders there. At the age of about nineteen he chose Canada for a wider field, as offering more encouragement to a young man who wished to acquire land, and settled at Guelph, Ontario, in 1872. Here he attended school a year or more, working at the butchering trade on his own account, after leaving school, for a year or two. He then learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked until 1883, when the boom started in Winnipeg. This caught his fancy and he went thither, where he invested his savings in some lots, working steadily for about a year. The lots

he still owns, and they are good property, in a well built section of the city. Uncle Sam, however, had always had a promising countenance to the young man, and in 1883 he came to North Dakota, filing on a homestead in Pleasant Hill, Kidder county. Here he farmed for a few years, varying the monotony by keeping steadily at work at his trade. Always thrifty and industrious, he made steady gains, and at the same time established a reputation for independence and integrity that has never been impaired or questioned. No one who knows John Storey will have any doubts about where he stands as a friend or an adherent when he has once embarked in any cause or has announced his views on any particular subject.

During the past few years Mr. Storey has acquired and improved more town property in Steele than any other single individual, and he has some of the best residences, the best kept up, to be found in the thriving little city.

As stated before he has not been a political aspirant, and the present office is the first of more than local nature to which he has aspired. He was early one of the school board of Pleasant Hill, and in 1893 was chosen treasurer of Woodlawn, which included Steele. His administration of this office was all that could be desired. The only office in the county to which he was ever an aspirant and candidate was that of treasurer in 1896, but the democratic wave was too much for him by a moderate majority. Now recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the county, Mr. Storey is plain and unpretending as they make them, and while a man of decided views and tenacious of his opinions, he is possessed of a rare fund of hard common sense and is wholly unafraid of any condition which may come along. What his course may be during the present ses-

sion is problematic, for he goes there with no promises to any man or faction. New to the business of legislation, he will keep his eyes open, and say little unless there is occasion for speaking.



REPRESENTATIVE BLEGEN

Hon. Hans O. Blegen of Churchs Ferry, a member of the legislature from the twentieth district, was born in Faaberg, near Lillehammer, Norway, the 20th of February, 1853, and came to the United States in 1873, where he worked on a farm near Rochester, Minnesota, during the years of 1873, 1874 and 1875. He started farming for himself in the spring of 1876 in the township of Rock Dell, Olmstead county, Minnesota. He took up land in Benson county, North Dakota, in the fall of 1885 and moved there with the family in 1886 and has resided there ever since, where he has been a successful farmer.

He has always been a republican and held minor offices in the township of Normania since it was organized in 1889. He has also been a member of the republican state central committee. He is a member of the United Lutheran church and is married and has nine children. He was elected a member of the house in 1906.



REPRESENTATIVE GANSSLE

Mr. Christian Ganssle is one of the members of the legislature from the second district, and is serving his second term. His home is near St. Thomas, which is his postoffice.

He came from Germany originally, where he was born 39 years ago. When a young man he emigrated to Canada and from there moved to Dakota in 1882 and took up land in Pem-

mina county and in due course of time became one of the foremost farmers in his district.

Mr. Ganssle is a republican, is married, and has no reason to regret that he has cast his fortunes in the land of the starry banner, of which he is as patriotic a citizen as any of the native born.

Mr. Ganssle has had the experience of all good men in his neighborhood and has been compelled to do his duty in holding the various school and township offices of his section, in all of which he has acquitted himself faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of the people.

In the last house Mr. Ganssle was chairman of the committee on supplies and expenditures and a member of the ways and means committee, on both of which he did excellent service. His past experience in legislation will stand him in good stead in this one and he will undoubtedly be of great service to his district.



REPRESENTATIVE GRANT

Hon. Ole T. Grant of Barrie township, Richland county, North Dakota, was born December 5, 1864, in Hallingdahl, Norway, and came to this country with his parents in 1870. The family settled on a farm in Houston county, Minnesota, where they remained for six years, and where the young boy learned to speak the English language and received his first schooling. In 1876, when he was twelve years of age, the family moved to Richland county, Dakota Territory, and took up a homestead in Barrie township. When the boy grew to manhood, he engaged in farming for himself, taking up a homestead in the same township his parents lived in and there he has since made his home. He made a suc-



HON. O. T. GRANT
HON. R. C. WEDGE

HON. H. O. BLEGEN

HON. C. GANSSE
HON. C. B. ANDRUS

cess of farming in spite of adverse circumstances and now has one of the prettiest farms on the Sheyenne river.

In 1888 Mr. Grant was married to Miss Laura Olson of Barrie township, and they have seven children, five boys and two girls, of which he is very proud.

Mr. Grant has held several township and school district offices of trust during his long residence in Barrie. He has always been an active republican worker and has been the county committeeman of his party several times. In 1905 he was chosen Sergeant-at-arms of the house in the ninth legislative assembly, in which position he served faithfully. He was elected a member of the tenth legislative assembly from the thirty-seventh district in November, 1906.



REPRESENTATIVE ANDRUS

Dickey county sends a new man to the legislature this year, in the person of C. B. Andrus, whose postoffice is Oakes, and if early indications are good for anything in the way of forming judgment, his constituents were wise in their selection.

Mr. Andrus is a New Yorker by birth, having first seen the light of day in Erie county, N. Y., in 1869, on his father's farm. Seven years later his parents took him to a new home in Olmstead county, Minnesota, where he was raised on the farm and got such schooling as the district school afforded.

In 1886 Andrus senior moved with his family to Dickey county, and just as soon as he was of age young Andrus secured a homestead and a good wife to share the hardships and the pleasures of home building. He has prospered in this world's goods and grown in the estimation of his neighbors to such an extent that he has served on

about all the local boards, such as assessor, supervisor, etc., but this is the first public office of importance he has held. He is a republican.

Mr. Andrus is one of the kind who makes friends readily, a very essential quality in a legislator who hopes to accomplish those things desired by his constituents and the people generally. He gives promise of being an industrious member and a credit to his county.



REPRESENTATIVE WEDGE

Hon. Ralph C. Wedge, of Granville, McHenry county, representative from the thirty-fourth legislative district, is engaged in the banking business. Mr. Wedge was born in Plainview, Wabasha county, Minnesota, in 1875. After completing the course in the Plainview public and high schools he attended the state normal school at Winona, Minn. He then engaged in teaching for some time and later entered the University of Minnesota, taking the academic course and graduating in 1902. Soon after graduating he came to North Dakota and locating at Balfour, McHenry county, engaged in the banking business. In 1904 he removed to Granville, in the same county, and opened the Farmers and Merchants state bank, of which he is the cashier and active manager. He has a wide acquaintance through his section of the state and never loses an opportunity to forward its interests.

In politics Mr. Wedge is a republican. He is one of the younger members of the legislature and yet is one of the influential members of the house of representatives.



RAILROAD COMMISSIONER WESTBY

Mr. Simon Westby was born at Fitjar-Stord-Bergens Stift, Norway,

February 1, 1876. He graduated from the common schools there in 1890, and also from a normal school. In 1893 he emigrated to the United States and came to North Dakota in September, 1893, where he worked on a farm and then on the Great Northern railway until November, 1896, when he was promoted to section foreman, which position he held until August, 1901. That year he located on a homestead in Pierce county. In the fall of 1904 he was elected clerk of the district court of Pierce county, which position he held until January 1, 1907.

Mr. Westby was nominated by the republican state convention last June for railroad commissioner and elected by a large majority. He is enterprising and industrious and will doubtless prove an excellent official.



BANK EXAMINER BRIGHTBILL

David K. Brightbill, state bank examiner, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1865, and was the third in a family of ten children. The Brightbill family is a well known family of colonial times, settling in this country in early days, two brothers coming from Germany. They were identified with William Penn, and the parents of our subject were the first of the family to leave the state of Pennsylvania. They settled in Missouri when our subject was a boy, and in 1884 Mr. Brightbill entered the Central Business College of Missouri. He went with an uncle to Dakota with some stock for speculation, and taking a fancy to the country decided to remain there and accordingly entered claim to land in section 19 and 20, in township 158, range 67, in Towner county. He and his uncle lived together and rented land and cropped about three hundred and twenty acres. In 1887 our subject

confined himself more strictly to cultivating his own land, and until 1892 he and his brother followed farming together, our subject owning three quarter sections and his brother owning two quarter sections. Success did not meet their efforts until after 1891.

Mr. Brightbill became identified with the republican party in 1890, and was the successful nominee of the party for county auditor in 1894 and held the office until 1905. He performed his duties as auditor faithfully and with a oneness of purpose most commendable, and is a gentleman of exemplary citizenship. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America, and as an all round prominent man of Towner county there is no one of its citizens who more justly deserves the title than Mr. Brightbill.

Mr. Brightbill was appointed by Gov. Sarles as state bank examiner, an office he was peculiarly well equipped to fill, and has successfully discharged the duties of that responsible position with honor to himself and credit to the state.



GENERAL CREEL

In compiling a list of the prominent and influential men of North Dakota, a foremost station must be accorded Brigadier General H. M. Creel, of Devils Lake, Ramsey county. He is a man of the highest honor and is respected by all with whom he has to do. Until recently he was Adjutant General of the state, having previously served as inspector and judge advocate general, with the rank of colonel, for more than fifteen years, and he is also president of the state military board. His portrait, in these pages, is that of a quick-witted and intelligent gentleman and will be looked upon with interest by all who are acquainted with the subject of this sketch.



HON. D. K. BRIGHTBILL
REV. FRANK W. STANTON

EX-ADJ'T. GEN. H. M. CREEL

R. R. COM., S. WESTBY
VEN. O. F. JONES, D. D.

Our subject was born in Lafayette county, Missouri, on a farm, November 30, 1855. The family from which he descended settled in Virginia in 1620. His grandfather was a colonel in the war of 1812, and his uncle, George Creel, was killed in the Mexican war. Stonewall Jackson's mother and General Creel's grandmother were sisters. His grandfather, Dr. David Creel, was foreman of the grand jury which tried Aaron Burr for high treason. He is a cousin of Larry T. Neal, of Ohio, and a second cousin of Hon. George W. Mammepenny, ex-commissioner of Indian affairs, who was a member of the commission who made the treaty with the Utes. The father of our subject was a lawyer and a classmate of Hon. Sunset Cox.

Mr. Creel spent his early life on the home farm and received his elementary schooling by private tutorship. He attended Kemper's Academy at Booneville, Missouri, for one year and Cooper Institute for one year, and then entered the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia, where he remained for two years and was then appointed by General John B. Clark from the seventh congressional district, to the Military Academy at West Point, and graduated therefrom in June, 1877. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the Eighth United States cavalry and the same year was promoted to the Seventh United States Cavalry and stationed in Dakota Territory and served there five years, when he resigned in July, 1882. He had charge of the government property and steamboat "Dr. Barleib," when Fort Rice was abandoned and the property moved to Fort Yates in 1878. He was with the expedition to locate Fort Meade. He surveyed Devils Lake in 1880, and made a topographic survey of Fort Totten military reservation. In 1881 he was in the Sitting Bull campaign and accompanied that noted war-

rior and his band to Standing Rock. As engineer officer, he built the military telegraph line from Fort Totten to Larimore. He located the townsite of Devils Lake in July, 1882, and the town was first named Creel City, but in 1884 was changed to Devils Lake. His familiarity with the entire country and his credibility as authority on all questions relating to it is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Creel was a witness before congress in 1882, maintaining that a tract of land lying north and west of Devils Lake, comprising 9,500,000 acres, claimed by the Chippewas and recognized by the interior department, was the sole property of the United States. His testimony and letters to Messrs. Windom, Plumb, Cox, Cockerell and Pettigrew elicited from Hiram Price, commissioner of Indian affairs, a lengthy answer. The bill opening this land, being too far down on the calendar, failed to pass, not receiving unanimous consent. Shortly afterwards, Secretary Kirkwood was succeeded by Senator Teller, who, with the legal department, sustained Mr. Creel in his position and this land was thrown open by executive proclamation. Mr. Deering, of Iowa, chairman of the house committee, made an exhaustive report on this matter, embodying Lieutenant Creel's letter and position, Senator Windom's endorsement and Mr. Price's reply. Our subject has been a resident of the city since its early days and he engaged in farming extensively and owned and operated a fine estate for some years. He also dealt in real estate and loans and also followed the grain business. He has been aggressively active in all measures relating to his town and community and has a comfortable and pleasant home in Devils Lake.

Mr. Creel was chairman of the board of county commissioners in Ramsey county in 1885-1886 and register of

deeds from January, 1889, to January, 1897, and was acting county surveyor from 1889 to 1895. He was elected to the state senate in the fall of 1896 and completed serving a four year term. He was elected as an independent republican and was a nominee for congressman in 1898 on the fusion ticket. While a member of the state senate he introduced the bill requiring all applicants for marriage licenses to be previously examined by a board of physicians as to their mental and physical fitness for the marriage state. His bill was freely commented upon by prominent men and newspapers in the United States and England. The following were Mr. Creel's committee assignments: Chairman of committees on appropriations and immigration, member of committees on Indians and Indian affairs, cities and municipalities, military, public land and ways and means, chairman committee on military affairs. He has served as chairman of the county republican central committee and was a member of the state central and executive republican committees. He was a member of the national committee for the silver republicans of North Dakota for eight years, being chosen to this office in 1897. In 1878, Colonel Creel, then a lieutenant in the Seventh United States cavalry, was detailed by General Sheridan to escort the Northern Cheyenne Indians from the Black Hills to Fort Reno, Indian Territory, later held at Sidney Barracks, Nebraska. He accompanied the Thornberg expedition four hundred miles in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, after Dull Knife with eight hundred Northern Cheyennes. He wrote a grammar and dictionary of the Cheyenne or Tsistos language, also a work on the sign language of the North American Indians, which was published by the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. He is now a director of the Chautauqua Association.

Our subject was married in Indian Territory to Miss Alice H. LaRue, a native of Indiana. Mrs. Creel is a daughter of Richard LaRue, whose farm was a part of the city of Richmond, Indiana. Her mother was a sister of Hon. William Holman, for so many years the "watchdog" of the treasury, who secured an amendment to an appropriation bill, which obliged the Northern Pacific railroad company to pay the cost of surveying the land granted to them. Her grandfather was one of the framers of the constitution of the state of Indiana. Mr. Creel is prominent in secret society circles and holds membership in the Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and Ashur Zodiak of Fargo. Later agent for U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Adjutant General.



REPRESENTATIVE BRODIE

James Brodie is a type of the self made man who has taken part in the rough experience of the pioneers and yet has had the good sense to keep up with the times and not get into the habit of dreaming of the past. On the contrary there is no more progressive man in the state than the genial representative from the thirty-first district.

Mr. Brodie is a native of Troy, N. Y., and was born as a New Years gift to his parents in 1871. When four years old his parents moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he lived until he was 19, in the interim attending school and doing pretty much as other boys do at that age. He then went to the coal mines of Illinois and entered the engineering department of one of the largest mines, laid the foundation for that knowledge of coal mining which had stood him in good stead since. After a time he drifted to the mines of Montana and Washington, when hearing of

the great coal deposits which could be had in this state for a song, he came to Dickinson and looked the country over. This investigation resulted in his opening a mine at Lehigh, from which he supplied fuel for Dickinson and other points. Later Col. A. P. Peake of Valley City, who is now also a member of the house with Mr. Brodie, became interested in the mine under the title of the Consolidated Coal company, of which Mr. Brodie is the manager.

In addition to the Lehigh mines, Mr. Brodie's company has mines at New Salem and in Bowman county. Under Mr. Brodie's able management these mines have developed from nothing to a capacity of 100,000 tons per year, which output is being increased annually.

Mr. Brodie is married and has five children, and he has a nice home at Dickinson. He is a republican.

He is a member of the board of trustees for the agricultural college, but this is the first elective office he has ever tried for, and the fact that he was elected with a very handsome vote speaks well for his standing in his district. He has a wide acquaintance all over the state and numbers his friends by the number of his acquaintances. He is wide awake and progressive and has a pleasant way of getting what he goes after, so ought to be an invaluable member for his district. He is popular with his fellow members and is a ready helper of those who show a disposition to meet him half way, which is an excellent equipment for a legislator.



REPRESENTATIVE C. A. JOHNSON

This is the second time that Mr. Johnson has been sent to the legislature from the twenty-ninth legislative district, which is a good endorsement as to the

estimation in which he is held by his home people. He served in the last session with distinct credit to himself and stood high among his fellow members.

He was born in Black River Falls, Wis., 38 years ago, and spent his youth there. He is one of the comparatively early settlers in Ward county, putting in his first years in "teaching the young idea how to shoot." As a result of his efficient work in the school room and his executive ability and probity he was elected county superintendent of schools, which position he held for eight years.

He has served the city of Minot two terms as mayor, has been an alderman from his ward in the city council of Ward county's progressive capital, and has always taken a lively interest in the issues of the day in politics and municipal affairs. Among his other accomplishments was that of editor of the Minot Reporter, where he had much to do with shaping the destiny of the county of Ward, and did his full share in securing to that empire its full share of new settlers.

In the last house Mr. Johnson was chairman of the committee on taxes and tax laws, and a member of the following committees: Judiciary, ways and means, and joint committee on public buildings.

Mr. Johnson is a lawyer by profession now and is one of the leading attorneys of the Ward county bar. He is married and has three children.



REPRESENTATIVE McDOWALL

Hon. James McDowall, who represents the fortieth district in the lower branch of the legislature, is a product of Scotland, the home of so many of the men who have written their names into the world's history in unerasable letters. He was born in that country

in 1842, and at the age of ten came to America with his parents, who settled in Canada where Mr. McDowall grew to manhood and where he received his education. When forty years of age, he decided that the golden opportunities of the new west were for him and with his family he moved to North Dakota in 1882, settling nine miles from the present city of Langdon, in Cavalier county, where he filed on a homestead and where he has since lived building up a farm home that is in every way a model, and surrounding himself and his family with everything that goes to make life comfortable and pleasant.

As a sturdy farmer, he gave little attention to politics, as that term is usually understood, and while he was always at the front of any fight for the upbuilding of his county and the interests of the people, he was not an office seeker. In 1902, however, he was elected a member of the house of representatives and his consistent and faithful work in the interests of those he represented was so satisfactory that he was elected at the last election, having skipped one intervening term.

As a legislator, he is a worker rather than a talker. He is a close student of every measure that is proposed in the house, and has a comprehensive grasp of the details of every bill that is indeed marvelous. When he votes he does so with a full realization of just what effect that vote will have on legislation.

He has a family of six children living, several of whom are grown to manhood and who are now citizens of the state to which their father came in the days that "tried men's souls."



REPRESENTATIVE SINCLAIR

Mr. Sinclair is one of the representative young men of the James river val-

ley, and his friends predict that he will be heard of frequently hereafter in public affairs, though he is not an office seeker in any sense of the word, on the contrary, he is a pleasant, unassuming man whom to know is a pleasure.

He is a native of Scotland, where he first saw the light of day in 1871. While still a child in arms he crossed the ocean with his parents, who settled in Ontario, Canada. For the first twelve years of his life young Sinclair hustled on the parental farm as most farm lads do, mixing his first schooling with plenty of chores as well as the fun to be got out of life by an active healthful boy.

In 1883 his parents moved with him to Stutsman county and settled on land near Cleveland, where the subject of this sketch attended school and helped on the farm. After he became old enough he took a claim and became one of the thousands of hustling young farmers who have done so much to make North Dakota famous as an agricultural state. In addition to farming Mr. Sinclair has been a successful stockraiser and is a great believer in diversified farming, and as a result has garnered considerable of this world's goods about him.

He has held the office of assessor and other township offices, but this is his first venture into state affairs, and if the popularity he has gained goes for anything, it will not be his last. He is a republican, and is unmarried.



REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY

Hon. M. A. Shirley, of Aneta, representative from the seventeenth district, is a practicing lawyer. Mr. Shirley is a native of Pennsylvania and was educated at the Pennsylvania state normal school and the Ohio normal school at Lebanon. He came west in

1877 and after teaching school for three years in Illinois entered the law offices of Sheppard & Masterson at Cambridge, Ill., where he studied law for two years. He came to North Dakota in 1882 and for a number of years was engaged in farming. He was elected county superintendent of schools for Grand Forks county in 1887 and served in that capacity for three terms. During this time he succeeded in bringing the schools of the county up from a rather chaotic state to a standard which placed them in the front ranks of the district schools of the state in many ways. During his incumbency of the office he again took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1890. He is

at present practicing his profession at Aneta, Nelson county, very successfully. He is also city attorney of Aneta. Although this is Mr. Shirley's first term as a member of the legislature he is not without some legislative experience. He was clerk of the judiciary committee in 1895, proof reader of the senate in 1901 and held a clerkship in the 1905 session. He is chairman of the judiciary committee of the house and one of the recognized leaders on the floor. Mr. Shirley was the first presiding officer of the house in committee of the whole and unexcelled as a presiding officer. He is also a forceful and impressive speaker and one of the influential members of the house.



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